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AMERICANISM MANUAL 2024-2025 SUPPLEMENT



Lodge Americanism Essay Contest

Theme

"What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

The features introduced to the contest 2 years ago continue:

- 1) Four separate divisions for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.
- 2) Monetary Awards for national winning essays from each grade level as follows:
 √\$1,000 for 1st place; √\$500 for 2nd place; √\$250 for 3rd place.

ENTRY RULES

- 1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade, during the normal 2024-25 school year, preceding June 30, 2025.
- 2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- 3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- 4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his/her school or, if unknown, the Lodge nearest to the home address of the entrant.
- 5. Entrant must be identified on the Essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on Essay Cover Sheet.)
- 6. <u>Deadline</u>: must be submitted to Local Lodge by <u>December 15, 2024</u>.
- 7. Judging Criteria:

Originality: avoids the use of trite or worn out words and phrases.

Development of theme: stays focused on ideas and thoughts; don't ramble.

Mechanics and neatness: uses proper spelling, grammar and punctuation.

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

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— Lodge, District, State and National Procedures —

LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN selects:

Top three from Division I (5th Grade);

Top three from Division II (6th Grade);

Top three from Division III (7th Grade); and

Top three from Division IV (8th Grade).

Sends the 12 Essays to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2025, or the date established by the State Association. Also send the <u>total number</u> of essays judged (not the actual essays) to the District Chair for accounting.

DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN selects:

From all entries submitted by Local Lodges, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners from each Division and sends the 12 top Essays to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2025, or the date established by the State Association. Also send the <u>total number</u> of essays judged as reported by all of the local Lodges in your District (not the actual essays) to the State Chair for accounting.

STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN selects:

From all entries submitted by District Chairmen, the top three Winners for the State. In addition, State Chairman forwards ONLY the first-place winners from each Division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March, 31, 2025.) Also send the <u>total number</u> of essays judged, reported to you by all of the Districts in your state, to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator for accounting of total essay entrants in your state.



MAIL STATE-WINNING ESSAYS TO:

MARK E. EATON

Essay Contest Administrator

Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee 1 Orms Street, Warwick, RI 02889-9318

ESSAY CONTEST POSTER FOR SCHOOLS may be downloaded at https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm. (Scroll down to "Americanism Essay Contest" and go to Page 3.)

PLAQUES will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. **MONETARY AWARDS** will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced and plaques and monetary awards will be available for pickup at the Fraternal Committee's Booth at the end of the Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City, MO, June 29–July 2, 2025.

PATRIOTISM WEEK FOR 2024 IS SEPTEMBER 9-15

Plan a special event for National Patriotism Week to honor America's finest and America's bravest! Some suggestions are listed on Page 13 of the Americanism Manual at https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/manuals.cfm. For information, contact your Grand Lodge Fraternal Committeeman or State Chairman.

AMERICANISM MANUAL SUPPLEMENT

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NOTE: These Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee Members are assigned by geographical Area to assist you, your Lodge, District and State Associations in our Americanism Programs and patriotic endeavors.

ALSO NOTE — This supplement and current Americanism Manual are available only at https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/manuals.cfm. Refer to this link when your District Deputy asks your Lodge Officers to see these materials during his or her annual visit.

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AMERICAN FLAG LAPEL PINS

Makes a great little give away along with the Flag at Initiations, Flag Day Ceremony, 4th of July, or as part of a fundraiser. At the Vendors portal online, search "Flag Lapel Pins" to see all the Licensed Vendors that specialize in this item. Pricing, quantity and style will vary.

Elks Licensed Vendors available at: https://www.elks.org/members/vendors.cfm.



Requisition for Americanism Related Items

Ship To:	Lodge Number	
Name		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Is the above address the:	Lodge or Business Address or	Private Residence (check one)

512000 Ameri 540000 6' x 10 540100 Candio 540200 Replat 540500 2' x 3' 540600 5' x 8' 540700 Flag S 540700 8' -2' 540800 3' x 5' 541000 4' x 6' 541100 3' x 5'	Americanism Committee Manual 6' x 10' US Flag, Outdoor Use	O All each
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	0' US Flag, Outdoor Use	2.40 cacii
		84.85 each
	Candidate Flags (11" x 17")	32.40 per dozen
	Replacement Eagle Finial (plastic) for Indoor Flag Pole	27.40 each
	2' x 3' US "Classroom" Flag with wall bracket (min. Order 6)	7.00 each
	5' x 8' US Flag, Outdoor or Indoor use	54.55 each
	Flag Stand (plastic, lightweight, sand bottom)	38.45 each
	8' – 2-part OAK Flag Pole-(no flag)	40.00 each
	3' x 5' US Flag, with fringe, indoor use only	30.00 each
	4' x 6' US Flag, with fringe, indoor use only	35.00 each
	4' x 6' US Flag, outdoor or indoor use	31.20 each
	3' x 5' US Flag, outdoor or indoor use	26.10 each
541300 Histor	Historic Flag Set (includes eight historic flags, with poles)	600.00 each set
Individ	Individual Historic Flags (from flag set above-see reverse side)	75.00 each
570800 Honor	Honor Our Flag Decals (removable) 100 per pack	19.75 per pack
570900 Honor	Honor Our Flag Window Placards pack of 10	12.00 per pack
571200 "About	"About Our Flag" brochure – package of 50	30.00
571400 Herita	Heritage Corner Kit	5.75 each
571900 Scouti	Scouting Brochure	No Charge
575001 Colori	Coloring Books – Pledge of Allegiance - pack of 30	5.85 per pack
700100 Eagle	Eagle Scout Certificates (also avail. to print online)	No Charge
700200 X Girl So	Girl Scout Gold Certificates (Out of print, ONLINE ONLY)	N/A
700300 Girl Sc	Girl Scout Silver Certificates (also avail. to print online)	No Charge
All pricing subject to change without notice Authorization Signature below (required)	hange without notice* (required)	
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Exalted Ruler	Lodge Secretary	Other (title)

Email: shipping@elks.org

Questions? Phone: 773-755-4710 – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time

If you are an authorized user, you can place orders on our website: www.elks.org

Individual Historic Flags-3' x 5', Complete with 2-part 8' wooden pole

There are eight flags in the Historic Flag Set, listed below. If you purchase the set, you will receive all eight. If you wish to purchase an individual flag for replacement, please use the code numbers below.

			\$75.00 each				
Gadsden (Snake) Flag	Pine Tree	Grand Union	Betsy Ross (13 Star)	15 Star	20 Star	48 Star	50 Star
541301	541302	541303	541304	541305	541306	541307	541308

541400 POW-MIA Flag on Pole \$45.00 each

Please use a separate order sheet to order any of the above-described flags.

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