



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. **Deadline:** must be submitted to Local Lodge by **December 15, 2024.**
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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Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

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— Lodge, District, State and National Procedures —

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).

DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN *selects:*

STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN *selects:*

MAIL STATE-WINNING ESSAYS TO:

MARK E. EATON

Essay Contest Administrator

Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

1 Orms Street, Warwick, RI 02889-9318

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.

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.

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Signature _____ (print name)			
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