



**Americanism Essay Contest  
2022-2023 Department of Maryland Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Department of Maryland, Inc., sponsors an **Americanism Essay Contest** for students in **grades 3-8**. Grade levels are divided into four groups. Three awards in each of the four groups will be presented in each Unit, District and Department, with prizes at each level. First place Department winners will be sent to the National Competition. The contest time frame is November 1-February 1.

**Essay Title:** *“ What does patriotism mean to you?”*

<b>Essay Groups:</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Word Requirement</b>
	I	3 and 4	150-250
	II	5 and 6	250-300
	III	7 and 8	350-400
	IV	Students with Special needs	Word count should correspond with student’s grade level

**Essay Checklist**

- Group competing in** \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA unit** \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for group**
- Completed essay cover sheet as first page of essay**
- Word count of essay**\_\_\_\_\_
- Student signature at end of  
essay**

**To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Maryland Public School Districts are not a sponsor of this contest; however, student participation is encouraged to complement academic growth and endeavors.**

**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):**

**Sponsoring Unit Name/Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit winners due to District President by March 1, 2023 District** \_\_\_\_\_

*District winners due to Department Americanism Chairman by March 20, 2023*