



# AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of  
The United States of America

## THEME:

*“What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”*

## RULES:

1. At the time of the contest, 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.
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 nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

## AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for 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 at the Grand Lodge Session in Austin, TX, June 30–July 3, 2024.

## ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2023.

*The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.*

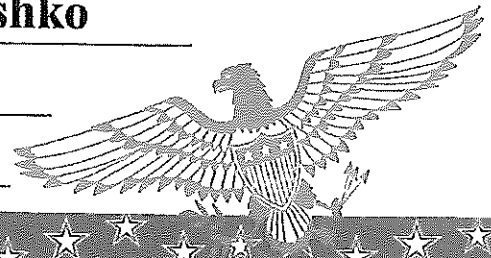
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## Additional Essay Information

Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended, and sponsoring Lodge (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay cover sheet.)

### Judging Criteria:

Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points

Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points

Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation – 30 points



# 2023-2024 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET

*(MUST be attached to each Essay)*



## *“What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”*

### Section 1 — to be filled out by student

*(Circle or Highlight One Grade)*

•Division I: 5th Grade    •Division II: 6th Grade    •Division III: 7th Grade    •Division IV: 8th Grade

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*(used only to contact the winners)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2023.

### Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2024 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)*

### Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2024 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)*

### Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, Gwendolyn B. Parker, by March 31, 2024.*