

All essay entries must be to the Unit **postmarked on or before March 15, 2012** and the Unit selection must be to this Chairman **postmarked on or before April 1, 2012**. Remember Units can only send one entry per Class to this Chairman. It is the Units responsibility to share this Americanism information with the schools. *Any essays sent directly from the schools to this Chairman will not be judged.*



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2011 - 2012 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five Classes. One award in each of the five classes will be presented in each Division. Winners will receive \$50.00 and a \$50.00 honorarium in the student's name to the National President's Scholarship fund.

Essay Theme: " *How can I show my Patriotism in my Community ?* "

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500

Essay Check List:

- Student Grade _____ Class Competing In _____
- Sponsoring ALA Unit _____
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word limit for Class
- Completed Essay Cover Sheet as first page of essay

Complete this Information:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Sponsoring Unit: _____