



**Americanism Essay Contest
2020-2021 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 three groups. Three awards in each of the three 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-January 31.

Essay Title: "How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?"

Essay Groups:	Group	Grade Level	Word Requirement
	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, 2021 District _____

District winners due to Department Americanism Chairman by March 20, 2021