



AMERICANISM MANUAL

2019-2020 SUPPLEMENT



Lodge Americanism Essay Contest

Theme

“What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?”

ENTRY RULES

1. Eligible participants must be students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th Grades during the normal 2019-2020 school year preceding June 30, 2020.
2. Essay length is now not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.
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.*)
6. **Deadline:** must be submitted to Local Lodge by **December 15, 2019.**
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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Americanism Essay Contest *continued*

— Lodge, District, State and National Procedures —

LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN *selects:*

Top three from Division I (combined 5th & 6th Grades); *and*
Top three from Division II (combined 7th & 8th Grades); *and*
Sends the 6 Essays to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2020, or the date established by the State Association.

DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN *selects:*

From all entries submitted by Local Lodges, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners from each Division and sends the 6 top Essays to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2020, or the date established by the State Association.

STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN *selects:*

From entries submitted by District Chairman, the top three Winners for the State. In addition, State Chairman forwards ONLY the first-place winners from each Division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March, 31, 2020.)



MAIL STATE-WINNING ESSAYS TO:

DAVID P. CIOE
Essay Contest Administrator
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee
6 Francis Street
Barrington, RI 02806-2709

ESSAY CONTEST POSTER FOR SCHOOLS may be downloaded at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>. (Scroll down to “Americanism Essay Contest” and go to Page 3.)

PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED for first-, second- and third-place National-Winning Essays in both Divisions I and II and will be available for pickup at the Fraternal Committee’s Booth at the end of the Grand Lodge Session on July 7, 2020 in Baltimore, MD.

PATRIOTISM WEEK FOR 2019 IS SEPTEMBER 9-15

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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NOTE: These Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee Members are assigned by geographical Area to assist you, your Lodge, District and State Associations in our Americanism Programs and patriotic endeavors.

ALSO NOTE — This supplement and current Americanism Manual are now available only at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/manuals.cfm>. Refer to this link when your District Deputy asks your Lodge Officers to see these materials during his or her annual visit.

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Ship To: _____ Lodge Number _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Is the above address the: _____ Lodge or Business Address or _____ Private Residence (check one)

Code	QTY	Description	Price
512000	_____	Americanism Committee Manual	2.40 each
540000	_____	6' x 10' US Flag, Outdoor Use	65.20 each
540100	_____	Candidate Flags (11" x 17")	25.00 per dozen
540200	_____	Replacement Eagle Finial (plastic) for Indoor Flag Pole	27.40 each
540500	_____	2' x 3' US "Classroom" Flag with wall bracket (min. Order 6)	7.00 each
540600	_____	5' x 8' US Flag, Outdoor or Indoor use	54.55 each
540700	_____	Extra Flag Stand	38.45 each
540702	_____	8' – 2-part OAK Flag Pole-(no flag)	25.00 each
540800	_____	3' x 5' US Flag, with fringe, indoor use only	26.70 each
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541000	_____	4' x 6' US Flag, outdoor or indoor use	31.20 each
541100	_____	3' x 5' US Flag, outdoor or indoor use	26.10 each
541300	_____	Historic Flag Set (includes eight historic flags, with poles)	260.00 each set
		Individual Historic Flags (from flag set above-see reverse side)	55.50 each
570800	_____	Honor Our Flag Decals (removable) 100 per pack	19.75 per pack
570900	_____	Honor Our Flag Window Placards pack of 10	12.00 per pack
571200	_____	"About Our Flag" brochure – package of 50	30.00
571400	_____	Heritage Corner Kit	5.75 each
571500	_____	US History Poster-(to 1989)	7.30 each
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700100	_____	Eagle Scout Certificates (also avail. to print online)	No Charge
700200	_____	Girl Scout Gold Certificates (also avail. to print online)	No Charge
700300	_____	Girl Scout Silver Certificates (also avail. to print online)	No Charge
All prices subject to change without notice			
Authorization Signature below (required)			
Signature _____ (print name) _____			
_____ Exalted Ruler _____ Lodge Secretary _____ Other (title)			

Email: shipping@elks.org

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