



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2020 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. The Lovettsville ALA Unit 1836 will be hosting a competition for community students (public, private, or home school) this year. One award (a certificate and \$25) in each of the six classes will be presented. Unit 1836 winners will be forwarded to the Virginia Department ALA for entry into the National competition. National winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after convention.

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

Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement (minimum and maximum)
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
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Essay Checklist:

- Class competing in _____
- Sponsoring ALA unit is **Unit 1836 - Lovettsville**.
- Attach the typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay _____
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit is **4:30 p.m. on Friday, 28 February 2020**.
Submissions may be e-mailed to ALA.VA.Unit1836@gmail.com NLT 4:30 pm 28 Feb 2020.
OR postmarked to **ALA Unit 1836, P.O. Box 776; Lovettsville, VA 20180** by 28 Feb 2020.

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School City/State: _____

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

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: **Lovettsville VA Unit 1836**

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: **Rena Baker**

Unit winner due to Department on: March 15, 2020

Department: Virginia

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

+ *Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2020*