



# AMERICANISM



Americanism is the common expression of love and loyal support of the American people for their Country. AMERICANISM is our attachment to this Country's land and people, admiration for its customs and traditions and devotion to its welfare. It fosters an attitude of oneness and membership in our Nation. This year's theme, "I am Proud to be an American Because..." is a timeless subject in conjunction with the recent patriotic fervor.

The theme of course, will be, "I am Proud to be an American Because...". The Kindergarten and First Grade U.S. Flag drawing contest theme does not change and will remain a Flag Drawing Contest. The essay must address the theme, may be in ink and IN THE STUDENTS OWN HANDWRITING, TYPED, OR COMPUTER GENERATED using the student's own words (no photocopies). Entry DEADLINE for all students is **February 15, 2012**. All local Post contests must be completed, judged, and submitted to the District by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. District should be completed and submitted to State Headquarters by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. State Judging will be held in May.

**LOCAL POSTS COMPLETE INFORMATION ON STATE ENTRY FORMS PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION.**

**POST AND DISTRICT PARTICIPATION**

1. All entries must be accompanied by the student's **Name, Address, and Phone Number** (*photo optional, so as to allow for possible publication*). Be sure to get the proper address and zip code. FIRST Place Winner should be accompanied by parent's full name, address and phone number.

**Only the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners advance to the next level of competition.**

2. Participating Posts are to conduct their own contests with local 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners advancing to the District by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A committee shall be established to judge the essays. (Committees shall be established on the local, District and State levels). Judging should be based on the following criteria:
  - A) Adherence to theme
  - B) Originality
  - C) Literary Composition
  - D) Neatness (written in ink and in the students own handwriting, typed, or computer generated, **no photocopies**). It must be ***legible***; neat and clear.

3. Those essays submitted by individual Districts will be judged by an awards committee setup by the Americanism Chairman and the State Department.
4. All material received will become the property of the AMVETS Department of Ohio for possible use in Departmental publications for the advancement of Americanism.
5. **ANY ENTRIES SENT DIRECTLY TO STATE HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT PRIOR POST AND DISTRICT JUDGING WILL BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT COMMANDER.**
6. **ANY ENTRIES SENT DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT JUDGING AT THE STATE LEVEL WILL BE RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.**

### 2011-2012 THEME FOR ALL CONTESTS:

***“I am Proud to be an American Because...”***

#### **CONTEST ELIGIBILITY**

This contest is open to students in public, private and parochial schools, as well as rated home school programs, youth groups and Sunday School classes. Three contests are available for participation – a flag drawing contest, a poster contest, and an essay

*Locals and Districts set up their own prize criteria and are encouraged to obtain as much publicity as possible for their winners.*

**ALL MATERIAL BECOMES  
THE PROPERTY OF THE AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

***Encourage your School System to become involved in this program!***

**Separate contest for each grade mentioned**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE COMPLETED STATE ENTRY FORM**



# Ohio AMVETS Americanism Flag Drawing Contest Rules 2011-2012



## **Who can participate?**

All students in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade who attend public, private, parochial schools, or home schooled, as well as youth groups and Sunday School classes are eligible to enter.

## **Theme:**

The theme is the American Flag with 50 white stars against a field of blue, with 13 stripes – 6 white and 7 red.

## **Contest Rules:**

- All students must address the theme.
- Entries must be free-hand drawings, using pen, pencil, crayon, paint, or any combination of these materials.
- A straight edge may be used to aid in drawing a straight line.
- Gluing stars or other materials to the surface is not permitted.
- Use of stencils or tracing is not permitted.
- Entries must be no larger than 9" x 12", using construction paper or poster board.
- All entries must be submitted to the local Post by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Criteria for judging of Posters:**

\* Artistic Ability

\* Adherence to the theme

\* Accuracy of drawing

## **Ohio AMVETS Awards:**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$75.00 Gift Card, medallion & American Flag	\$50.00 Gift Card, medallion & American Flag	\$25.00 Gift Card, medallion & American Flag
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	\$75.00 Gift Card, medallion & American Flag	\$50.00 Gift Card, medallion & American Flag	\$25.00 Gift Card, medallion & American Flag

**Ohio AMVETS**  
**Americanism Flag Drawing Contest**  
**2011-2012**

**The American Flag**

Co-sponsored by AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, and Sons of AMVETS

**Entry Form**

Please print legibly or type

Applications and flag drawings should be returned to your local AMVETS Post or District

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Ohio Americanism Flag Drawing Contest in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade category.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**POST INFORMATION**

A letter from the appropriate Post official must state that the attached 1<sup>st</sup> Place Flag Drawing is submitted for entry by:

AMVETS Post #: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of AMVETS/Ladies Auxiliary/Sons of AMVETS  
Post Americanism Chairman

**DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

***This section must be completed and signed by the Department Americanism Officer or Executive Director. Flag drawing entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. Only 1<sup>st</sup> place Department entries can be submitted to National Headquarters.***

This Americanism Entry is submitted by AMVETS Department of Ohio, 1395 E. Dublin Granville Road #222, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Ohio AMVETS Americanism Chairman

**Submit this entry to:** Your local AMVETS Post or Americanism Chairman. If you are in need of address information, call 1-800-OH-AMVET.

***Duplication of this form is encouraged.***

# Ohio AMVETS

## Americanism Poster Contest Rules

### 2011-2012

#### **Who can participate?**

All students in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades who attend public, private, parochial schools, or home schooled, as well as youth groups and Sunday School classes are eligible to enter.

#### **Theme:**

The theme is *"I am Proud to be an American Because..."*

#### **Contest Rules:**

- All students must address the theme.
- Entries must be free-hand drawings, using pen, pencil, crayon, paint, or any combination of these materials. A straight edge may be used to aid in drawing a straight line.
- Gluing pictures or other materials to the surface is not permitted.
- The student's description of the poster must be written on the back of the poster in 50 words or less. Descriptions that are firmly attached to the back of the poster will also be accepted.
- Use of stencils or tracing is not permitted.
- Entries must be no larger than 9" x 12", using construction paper or poster board.
- All entries must be returned to the local Post by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Criteria for judging of Essays:**

\* Artistic Ability

\* Adherence to the theme

\* Neatness

#### **Ohio AMVETS Awards:**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	\$100.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$75.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$50.00 Gift Card & medallion
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	\$100.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$75.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$50.00 Gift Card & medallion
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$125.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$100.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$75.00 Gift Card & medallion
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$150.00 Gift Card	\$125.00 Gift Card	\$100.00 Gift Card

# Ohio AMVETS Americanism Poster Contest 2011-2012

I am Proud to be an American Because...

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## Entry Form

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### STUDENT INFORMATION:

Ohio Americanism Poster Contest in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade category.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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# Ohio AMVETS

## Americanism Essay Contest Rules

### 2011-2012

#### **Who can participate?**

All students in the 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades who attend public, private, parochial schools, or home schooled, as well as youth groups and Sunday School classes are eligible to enter.

#### **Theme:**

The theme is *"I'm proud to be an American because..."*

#### **Contest Rules:**

- All students must address the theme.
- All essays may be written in ink, typed or produced on a computer.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students should submit essays of 200 words or less.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students should submit essays of 300 words or less.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students should submit essays of 400 words or less.
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students should submit essays of 500 words or less.
- All entries must be submitted to the local Post by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Criteria for judging of Essays:**

\* Originality

\* Adherence to the theme

\* Literary composition

#### **Ohio AMVETS Awards:**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$125.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$100.00 Gift Card & medallion	\$75.00 Gift Card & medallion
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$150.00 Gift Card	\$125.00 Gift Card	\$100.00 Gift Card
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$150.00 Gift Card	\$125.00 Gift Card	\$100.00 Gift Card
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$250.00 Gift Card	\$150.00 Gift Card	\$125.00 Gift Card
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$375.00 Gift Card	\$250.00 Gift Card	\$150.00 Gift Card
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$500.00 Gift Card	\$375.00 Gift Card	\$250.00 Gift Card
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	\$500.00 Gift Card	\$375.00 Gift Card	\$250.00 Gift Card

AMVETS National will send the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner to Freedoms Foundation. The AMVETS Department of Ohio will send our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner, or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner, if our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner is a winner on the National level. The AMVETS Department of Ohio Auxiliary will send the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place or 4<sup>th</sup> Place winner, depending on whether or not there is a National winner in this category. Districts or Posts may send their 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner to Freedoms Foundations, at the expense of the District or Post. All the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners of the Essay Contest on the State Level are considered National Winners and receive **AN ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO** Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to attend a Youth Seminar. Individual Posts and Districts may sponsor a 9<sup>th</sup> grade participant for a trip to Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation, the approximate cost is \$500.00. Arrangements can be made through the National Programs Director, call 1-877-726-8387, ext. 4030, the deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**2011-2012**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

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