

Americanism Essay Contest

The term Americanism can mean different things to different people. As a way for students to learn more about Americanism and good citizenship, the Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion co-sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest each year. This year's contest subject and title is "Celebrating America and Our Heritage."

Students in 7th through 12th grade are invited to participate in the contest. The essays are first judged by a Post Unit or Squadron level, and continue onto the Auxiliary District and Division level. Those who win first place in the Division level for each class will compete for State Awards. Essays are judged on many features including; originality, presentation, unity, coherence, word choice, and effective sentences.

Big Hollow student, Daniel Black submitted an essay and was chosen by Lake Region, Unit 703 to move onto the 10th District judging. This district judges all first place winners from Lake County units. Daniel's essay was also the first place winner for the 10th District. This means his essay will be forwarded to the Division level. If his essay is chosen at this level he will be the winner of the Department of Illinois, ALA. The Americanism Essay Contest is a wonderful opportunity for students to take time to reflect on what being an American citizen means to them. If your child did not participate in this year's contest, encourage them to enter in 2012.