

Americanism Essay Contest

Each year, the Placerville Elks Lodge #1712 sponsors an essay contest featuring a theme relating to Americanism. Students in fifth through eighth grades are encouraged to participate by writing an essay of not more than 300 words on this year's topic:

What the Bill of Rights Means to Me



The first, second & third place winners in each Division will win cash prizes!

Division 1 (5th Grade), Division 2 (6th Grade), Division 3 (7th Grade) and Division 4 (8th Grade)

1st Place- \$150

2nd Place- \$100

3rd Place- \$50

Essays will be due to the Placerville Elks Lodge during December 2023. For more information, please see attached documents, or contact Jack Cummings, Americanism Chairman, at (916) 933-2554.



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Placerville Elks Lodge #1712



What the Bill of Rights Means to Me



Entry Rules

- Eligible participants must be students in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Essay length is not to exceed 300 words (exceeding word limit will result in disqualification).
- Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Essays must be submitted **as written or typed by student**.
- Entrant must be identified on the essay by student name, school's name, teacher's name and student's grade level. This information must be typed on the first page of the essay in the upper left corner. **If this information is not listed, the essay will be disqualified.**
- All essays must be submitted to the Placerville Elks Lodge (address below) by December 15th, 2023. The attached cover sheet (with Section 1 completed) must be attached.
- **Judging Criteria:**
 - Originality: avoid use of trite and worn-out words and phrases.
 - Development of Theme: focus on ideas and thoughts- don't ramble.
 - Mechanics & Neatness: proper grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Placerville Elks Lodge #1712
3821 Quest Court

Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Questions? Call: Cindy Rinaldi (209) 981-2100



2023-2024 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET



(MUST be attached to each Essay)

“What the Bill of Rights Means to Me”

Section 1 — to be filled out by student

(Circle or Highlight One Grade)

•Division I: 5th Grade •Division II: 6th Grade •Division III: 7th Grade •Division IV: 8th Grade

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____

Student's Name _____ Male Female Age _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone (_____) _____
(used only to contact the winners)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2023.

Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name Jack Cummings Phone Number (916) 933-2554

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number Placerville Elks Lodge #1712

Address 3821 Quest Court City Shingle Springs State CA ZIP 95682

E-mail laurinjack@sbcglobal.net

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2024 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Phone Number (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2024 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ State _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Phone Number (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, Gwendolyn B. Parker, by March 31, 2024.