



# Americanism Contest K-12th Grade



*Sponsored by AMVETS (American Veterans)*

This is a patriotic program teaching our youth from kindergarten through 12th grade about their American heritage, civics and citizenship. The program includes a flag drawing, a poster and an essay contest which are grade specific and age appropriate.

**K-1st Grade**—*Flag Coloring Contest*;  
**2nd-5th Grade**—*Poster Contest*; and  
**6th-12th Grade**—*Essay Contest "What does freedom look like?"*

The deadline for the contest must be postmarked by **April 15, 2023**.

All entries will be judged at Amvets Post 1 and AMVETS Department of Washington. AMVETS Department will forward all of the first place winners of each category to the National Level by July 1st. AMVETS National will choose a 1st and 2nd place winner in each category coming from all of the participants in the United States during their AMVETS National Convention in August. **For those 9th and 10th graders** who participate in the AMVETS National Americanism ESSAY Contest and are a 1st place winner from AMVETS Department of Washington, they will win an all expense paid trip to "Freedoms Foundation" in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; for the Spirit of America Youth leadership seminar, which takes place every year on the first Thursday in November through the following Sunday (4 days).

Please mail your completed Flag, Poster or Essay Contest entry along with the Contest Entry Form to:

AMVETS Post 1  
ATTN: Taryn Hopey, Department 2nd Vice Commander  
5717 S. Tyler St.  
Tacoma, WA 98409

Entry packets can be downloaded at <https://amvetswa.org/Americanism.html>. If you have any questions, please call Taryn at (253) 579-5638.



# AMVETS National Americanism Poster Contest Rules



## Who can participate?

All students in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who attend public, private, parochial schools, or homeschooled are eligible to enter. You may also enlist members of any youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, and others to participate.

## Theme:

“What does freedom look like?”

## Contest rules:

- All students' entries must address the theme.
- Entries must be 9" x 12" inches using construction paper or poster board.
- All entries must be free-hand drawings, using any art medium. A straight edge may be used as an aid in drawing a straight line.
- **Place your name, state, and grade on the back of the entry.**
- Gluing pictures or other materials to the surface of the drawing is not permitted.
- **The student's description of the poster must be written on the back of the poster in 50 words or less. Stories that are firmly attached to the back of the poster will also be accepted, along with your name, state, and grade.**
- All entries must be sent to AMVETS, Department of Washington postmarked no later than **April 15, 2023.**
- Entries without a complete contest form, to include the proper signatures and a legible address for the Department will not be considered for judging

## Criteria for judging Posters:

- Artistic
- Neatness
- Adherence to Theme
- Creativity



## AMVETS National Winners

**First** place winners will receive a plaque and gift card

**Second** place winners will receive a certificate and a gift card



# AMVETS National Americanism



## Poster Contest Entry Form

*Co-Sponsored by AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary*

**Please print legibly or type.**

Completed Entry Form and Colored Flags **must be** returned to:

AMVETS Department of Washington,

ATTN: Taryn Hopey, Department 2nd Vice Chair Commander, 5717 S Tyler St, Tacoma, WA 98409

### Student Section

***Name and grade printed on the back of project for fair judging***

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Student

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

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

### Parent or Guardian Information

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### School/Organization Information

Name of School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Teachers Information

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR AMVETS DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

**Complete this section and submit to AMVETS National Programs Department by July 1, 2023**

NOTE: This section **must be** completed and signed by the Department Americanism Officer, Commander, or Executive Director/Adjutant. Flag Coloring entries must be submitted to the designated Department official. **Only 1st place** Department entries can be submitted to National Programs Department.

The attached 1st Place Flag Coloring entry is submitted by: ☐ AMVETS or ☐ Ladies Auxiliary

Department & Post #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary Americanism Chair

**All awards will be sent to the Department**