



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 it mean to be an American?”

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, 2026**.
- 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

Please print legibly or type.

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

AMVETS Post 1,

ATTN: Danette Gundy, 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 USE ONLY

Complete this section and submit to AMVETS National Programs Department by July 1, 2026

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