



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.



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Flag Coloring Contest Rules



Who can participate?

All children in kindergarten or 1st grade 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:

Color the American Flag template.

Contest rules:

- Flag template may be colored using any art medium.
- Must answer questions thoroughly.
- Entries must include the template or a copy of the template, and the entry form.
- Place your name, state, and grade on the back of the entry.
- All entries must be sent to the AMVETS Department of Washington and 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:

- Use template provided
- Neatness
- Answered questions completely



AMVETS National Winners

First place winners will receive a plaque and gift card

Second place winners will receive a certificate and a gift card



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Flag Coloring 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

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ 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: _____

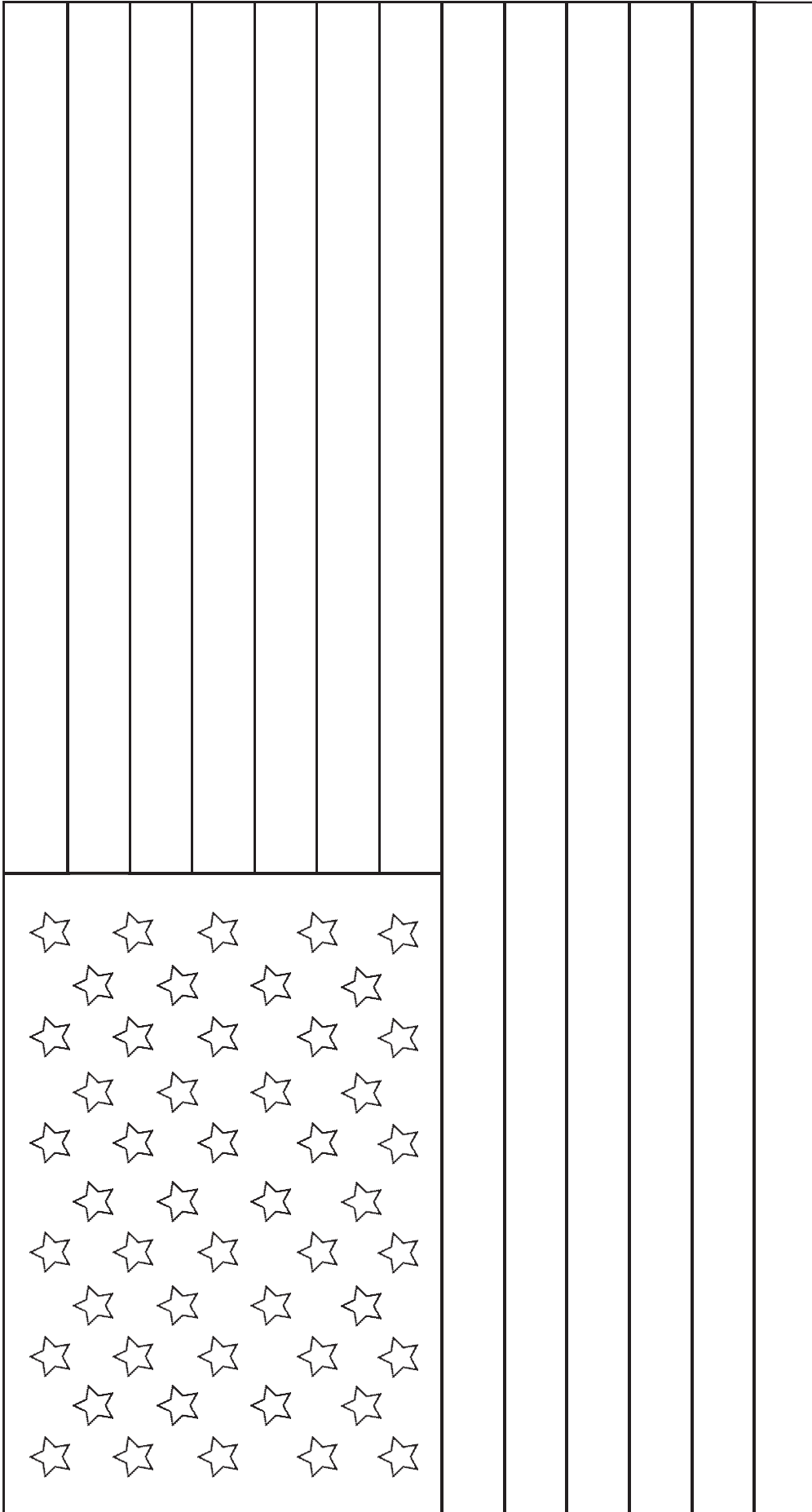
City, State Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Print Name & Title

Signature of AMVETS/Auxiliary Americanism Chair

All awards will be sent to the Department



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United States of America

How many stars are on the flag? _____

How many Red stripes are on the flag? _____

How many White stripes are on the flag? _____

What did the thirteen stripes represent? _____