

SAMPLE TITLE PAGE

(Type in this year's topic question)

STUDENT: (Name, address, phone # and email)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

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HIGH SCHOOL:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

STUDENT'S GRADE LEVEL:

TEACHER'S NAME:

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE (FOR VERIFICATION) _____

SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST (Number, and address)

POST NAME: American Legion Post #

POST ADDRESS

POST CONTACT: I.E., COMMANDER, ADJUTANT, ESSAY CHAIR

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

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STUDENTS SIGNATURE: _____

Since the inception of the Department of Pennsylvania state Essay Contest in 1935, The American Legion has awarded well over \$500,000 in scholarships, while local American Legion Posts, counties, Districts and Sections have also offered suitable awards and prizes for their respective best essay winners.

Through the annual Department of Pennsylvania American Legion Essay scholarship contest, students are provided an opportunity to showcase their talents and abilities in English by using originality, accuracy and research as evidence, while learning that the responsibilities and duties of good citizenship can be both rewarding and fun.

As American Legionnaires, we fully believe that education is the cornerstone upon which the future of America is built. Education becomes the first requisite of good citizenship and the relationship of The American Legion to Pennsylvania citizens is of prime importance as a means of keeping us a free civilization.

Our approach to supporting solid educational principles is direct and positive. We agree with the current PA Department of Education initiative of "writing across the curriculum" and reward the efforts of involved students through our annual essay scholarship program.

Any student enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in a public, private or parochial School or who is home schooled in Pennsylvania is eligible to participate.

The Department of Pennsylvania is encouraging Posts to participate in the Essay Program for students in grades 6 -8. This will prepare students for the high school aged Department Essay Program.

Prizes to Be Awarded

The Department of Pennsylvania State Essay First Place Winner will be awarded a \$3500 scholarship, a plaque, and a trip to this year's Pennsylvania American Legion Convention in July to read the winning essay to the assembled delegates.

The Second Place Winner will receive a \$3000 scholarship and a plaque.

The Third Place Winner will receive a \$2500 scholarship and a plaque.

Any applications for this program can be found on the [forms page](#).