

Americanism Essay Contest Rules for Schools
Group II
Grades 6 and 7

- Title:** *What Does Community Service Mean to Me?*
Eligibility: All pupils in grades 6 and 7, known as Group II, shall be eligible to compete.
Length: Essay shall contain not less than **200** words or more than **300** words. **All** words shall be counted, **including the title.**

Winning students will be honored by the American Legion Auxiliary at a CUSD Governing Board Meeting. Students whose essays go on to win at the National competition will receive: 1st: \$100.00; 2nd: \$50.00

DEADLINE DATE: Friday, March 2, 2018

RULES

- A. Titles must be **exactly** as specified in **TITLE** above.
- B. All teachers must be provided a copy of the rules.
- C. Subject to be announced to students and a set time allowed by teachers for research.
- D. Essays should be written **in ink**, in English only, on one side of plain white, lined paper with no school letterhead. Computer generated essays are also accepted.
- E. All essays must be written in the classroom under teacher supervision.
- F. Each teacher will be asked to have all students in the classroom participate under the established essay contest rules provided by the Unit Chairman.
- G. Quoted material must be enclosed in quotation marks and the student must give a simple bibliography stating source and reference to help the judges differentiate between original and quoted material.
- H. Each teacher should select the top three essays from their class to submit. **Only three essays will be accepted per teacher.**
- I. Teachers/students should make copies of the submitted essay. Entries become the property of the American Legion Auxiliary and will not be returned.
- J. The student will put their name, grade level, teacher's full name (**Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.**) name of the school, and **word count on the back of their essay.** Other than this, there should be no identifying marks on the essay.
- K. The teacher should place no more than **three essays** in an envelope. The teacher should seal the envelope and identify on the outside of the envelope their name, grade level, and the name of the school.
- L. Teachers will submit the envelope to Suzanne Lauritzen, Curriculum and Instruction Department, at the CUSD PLC by Friday, March 2, 2018, no later than 5:00 p.m.

The CUSD Professional Learning Center (CUSD PLC) is located at 362 N. Clovis Avenue, Clovis CA 93612.
Essays may also be sent through District Mail (CUSD PLC) but must be received by the deadline.