

**Americanism Essay Contest Rules for Schools**  
**Group V**  
**Children with Exceptional Needs**

- Title:** *Why is America a Great Country?*
- Eligibility:** Students ages 11-20 with exceptional needs known as Group V shall be eligible to compete. Students eligible for such classes or those not admitted due to lack of facilities identification contingent upon the discretion of school officials.
- Length:** Essay shall be 25 words or more. **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:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: \$200.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$100.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Citation

**DEADLINE DATE: Friday, March 2, 2018**

**RULES**

- A. Titles must be **exactly** as specified in TITLE above.
- B. All teachers must be provided the copies of the rules.
- C. Each teacher should select the top three essays from their class to submit. **Only three essays will be accepted per special education teacher.**
- D. Students (or their teachers) should write, **in pencil**, on the **back of the essay** the following information: Student's name, student's grade level, teacher's full name (**Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.**), name of the school, and **word count**. Other than this, there should be no identifying marks on the essay.
- E. Teachers should make copies of the submitted essay. Entries become the property of the American Legion Auxiliary and will not be returned.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.**