

**Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Washington
State Youth Essay Program Rules and Regulations
Grades 3-4-5 Year 2011-2012**

1. Participants must compose their own essay
2. The essay must be clearly handwritten, typed or computer prepared.
3. Judging will be under the guidance set by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Judging will include 30 points for addressing the theme, 30 points for clarity of Ideas, 40 points for Theme Development..
4. Since this program is completely voluntary, a student does not have to go through his/her school to participate. Any students from any school in the State of Washington may enter the program by contacting a local VFW Post or Auxiliary for Rules and official entry form. Home schooled students are also eligible.
5. A copy of the Official entry form must accompany the essay. All sections of the Official entry form **MUST** be completed at the Post/Auxiliary level. Entry forms **MUST** be signed by a parent or guardian.
6. All essays become property of the Veterans of foreign Wars. If copies are desired, You must make your own. Chairman need not return the essays.
7. Contest begins at the start of the school year.
8. **THEME:** WHAT IS AN AMERICAN
9. **LENGTH:** Not to exceed **250 words**
10. Student's Name, city or School **MUST NOT** be on the essay, only on the entry form. There can be no information in the Essay that could identify the student in anyway.
11. Essay must stay within the prescribed subject matter and there can be **NO** added color or artwork.
12. Essay written in poem form **will not be accepted**.
13. The Post or Auxiliary sponsoring the school **MUST** do the judging at the local level.
14. All Essays must be submitted to a local VFW Post/Auxiliary by November 1, 2011. Essays received after this deadline will no be accepted.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
STATE YOUTH ESSAY PROGRAM GRADES 3-4-5
Year 2011-2012

THEME: **WHAT IS AN AMERICAN**

Date Due to Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: **NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

PLEASE NOTE: This entry form must be completely filled out and accompany the essay.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Grade Level _____

Word Count _____

Students Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Parent or Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

To be completed by Person instructing student:

Instructors Name _____

Place of Instruction(Name of School) _____

Address of School or Home _____

To be completed by Post/Auxiliary:

Name and Number of Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: VFW Auxiliary 2100

Chairman's Name(s) Ruth E. Herren

Address 1907 96th PL SE Everett, WA 98208

District Number: 1 425-337-1559

NOTE: All sections must be completed at the Post/Auxiliary level