



# The American Legion of Iowa

"For God and Country" - "Make a Difference - Get Involved"



# American Legion Post 403

## Fifth Grade Flag Essay Application Form

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Post 403 American Legion "Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest". The purpose of the contest is to develop a more profound knowledge and appreciation for the United States Flag on the part of elementary-aged students. Additional objectives include the ability to gain an understanding of flag etiquette and respect for the flag. Eligible participants must be citizens residing in Iowa and enrollment in the fifth grade in a public, parochial, military, private, or state-accredited home school.

### Essay Format

The format for the essay is limited to the following:

- A one (1) page document
- Contain 300 words or less
- Double-spaced
- 12-point font
- The student's own words and effort

### Post 403 Essay Contest Date:

- American Legion Post 403 Essays must be submitted and received by December 4, 2024; (1) in cooperation with the Van Meter Elementary School, OR (2) mailed to the Post 403 address of PO Box 81, Van Meter, IA 50261.

Post 403 Contest will be conducted and judged by Post 403 volunteers.

### American Legion Post 403 Awards are:

- First Place: \$100 Gift Card
- Second Place: \$75 Gift Card
- Third Place: \$50 Gift Card
- Fourth Place: \$25 Gift Card
- Participation Gift Cards
- Post 403 Gift Card Awards donated by (business name) owned by Ken and Donna Stinson

The Post 403 First Place winning entry will be forwarded to the American Legion of Iowa District 6 Children and Youth Chairman along with the required Department formal application postmarked no later than January 3, 2025. District entries will be judged by the respective District Children & Youth Chairman and signed off by the District Commander (There are 9 Districts for Iowa). The nine District entries will then be submitted to the American Legion Department of Iowa Children & Youth Committee for judging at the Iowa American Legion Department Mid-Winter Conference in February. The Department finalist will receive recognition and the opportunity to read their essays at the Department Convention. Department First, Second, and Third Place winners will also receive \$500, \$300, and 200 from the American Legion of Iowa and American Legion Foundation.

Continued on reverse side.

Any questions on the contest may be directed to Ken Stinson at 515-360-1900 or email kenst@mchsi.com. State Contest details can also be acquired by visiting Iowa Department website at [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) and clicking on link for Youth Programs and subsequent link for Flag Essay. Thank you.

# American Legion Post 403

## Student Application Name Details Section

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  
Home  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  
Cell  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

-----Please attach your Prepared Essay to this application -----

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT POST BY DECEMBER 4, 2024**

Continued on reverse side.