

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

2021-2022 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST



“Why I am Proud to be an American”



Eligibility: *Students, grades 7 through 12*

Deadline: *December 1, 2021*

Requirements: *350 words or less about “Why I am Proud to be an American.”*

Website: *www.fra.org/essay*

For information about the contest, contact:

School Counselor: _____

FRA Essay Chairman: _____

FRA Branch: _____

Telephone: _____

**Grand Prize
\$5,000**

**18 National
Awards and
Regional /
Local Prizes**



FRA AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- All entrants shall be students in grades seven through twelve (or equivalent).
- Entrants must be sponsored by a branch of the Fleet Reserve Association or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary, or by an FRA Member-at-Large.
- The essay shall be on the theme designated and shall not exceed 350 words.
- **The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one side and one page only.**
- The title of the essay shall be written or typed at the top of the paper.
- A student may submit only one entry each year.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a separate sheet stating: the entrant's name; address; zip code; telephone number; school grade (or equivalent); name of school or the words "home schooled;" number of words in essay; and the sponsoring branch/unit or sponsor's name.
- Entries submitted to branches shall be submitted to the Branch Americanism-Patriotism Committee and postmarked not later than December 1, for judging at the branch level.
- Entries sponsored by membership at large members shall be submitted to the national chairman and forwarded to an appropriate branch for judging in their respective grade group. All entries shall be postmarked not later than December 1.
- **The Internal Revenue Service requires that any participant who receives \$600 or more will be issued a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. Winners must provide their social security numbers to the FRA upon request.**





FRA AMERICANISM ESSAY COVER SHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Number of Words in Essay: _____

Sponsoring Member/Branch/Unit: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission: I understand that my student is participating in FRA's Americanism Essay Contest and authorize FRA to publish photos of him/her if he/she should receive recognition for this entry.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Note: Please type or write legibly.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM ONLY – NO OTHER ACCEPTED

