

A vertical graphic of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes, positioned on the left side of the page.

# Tell us what the American Flag means to you!

**ESSAY & DRAWING WINNERS WILL EACH WIN \$100**

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The essay contest is open to all students grades 3-12. All students in public, private, parochial, home or virtual schools are invited and encouraged to participate. Suggested length of the essays below:

1. 150 words in length for grades 3, 4, and 5
2. 250 words in length for grades 6, 7, and 8
3. 500 words in length for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL.

Judging criteria is:

Composition 60%

Grammar, punctuation and spelling 40%

Please provide a cover sheet with the essay that includes the contestant's name, grade, name of school, home address and phone number. The contestant's name should also appear on the essay itself.

ALL entries must be received by May 15, 2019 and sent to: [sengel@smvets.org](mailto:sengel@smvets.org)

The winning entry will be read and author recognized during the Flag Day Celebration on June 14th at St. Michael's Veterans Center!

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Do you prefer drawing to writing? Create a picture or image on this same theme and send it in! Artwork needs to be on 8.5" by 11" paper. Pictures will be on display at St. Michael's Veterans Center and winner recognized at the Flag Day Celebration on June 14th.



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