



# 2017-2018 Americanism Essay Contest

# What Patriotism Means to Me

## Grand Prize \$5,000

### Plus 18 National Awards and Regional / Local Prizes



Lily Aiken, 2, helps place American flags around Clemson University's Scroll of Honor as part of a tradition for the school's Military Appreciation Day, Nov. 3, 2016. (photo by Staff Sgt. Ken Scar)

Eligibility: Students, grades 7 through 12  
 Deadline: December 1, 2017  
 Requirements: 350 words or less about "What Patriotism means to me"  
 Website: [www.fra.org/essay](http://www.fra.org/essay)



#### For information about the contest, contact:

School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FRA Essay Chairman: William W. LANONY  
 FRA Branch: 284  
 Telephone: (619) 795-2207

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## 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 of the paper.
- 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.





## FRA AMERICANISM ESSAY COVER SHEET

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Words in Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Member/Branch/Unit: WILLIAM LANDON BR284

Sponsor's Address: 654 SILVER STRAND BLVD

City: IMPERIAL BEACH State: CA Zip: 91932

**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.

