

## 2011 – 2012 IEA State Americanism Essay Contest

**Participants:** All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the state of Illinois

**Subject:** Patriotism

**Length:** 250-500 words

**Rules:** Must be written in ink or typed on 8 ½ by 11 inch paper  
Double spaced if typed  
Margins: 1 ½ inch from top, 1 inch at bottom and sides

**Judging:**

1. Content
2. Proper Sentence Structure
3. Spelling
4. Proper Paragraph Structure
5. Neatness

Although basic mechanics of the writing will be considered, emphasis will be placed on content of the paper.

All papers are to be signed by the student with their name, address and telephone number. Teachers are to select the top three essays from each school and return them to the Lodge Americanism Chairman for winner selections.

**Awards:** The writers of the top three essays from each school will receive participation certificates.  
Each Lodge winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond.  
Each District winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond.  
Each Area winner will receive a \$200 Savings Bond, one night's lodging at the annual convention and three tickets to the annual banquet.  
The State winner will receive a \$500 Savings Bond.

**Schedule:** Contest closes March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Lodge winner will be submitted to District by March 15<sup>th</sup>  
District winner will be submitted to State by March 30<sup>th</sup>  
State winner will be chosen during the May meeting.