



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

5th Grade Flag Essay Contest

Deadline: Postmarked January 5, 2026

Develop a Deeper Appreciation for the United States Flag!

The American Legion of Iowa invites all 5th grade students to participate in the Flag Essay Contest.

Purpose:

To foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the U.S. Flag.
To promote knowledge of flag etiquette and respect for the flag.

Eligibility:

Open to all 5th-grade students in Iowa (including public, private, parochial, and homeschool students).
Participants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.

Essay Requirements:

Write a one-page essay (300 words or less), double-spaced, in 12-point font, and reflect the student's own thoughts on what the U.S. Flag represents. Use facts from the United States Flag Code to support your perspective.

Finalists will receive recognition and the opportunity to read their essays at the Department Convention, with cash prizes for First, Second, and Third Place winners!

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