

**PLAQUES AND AWARDS  
2018-2019**

**PROGRAM - AMERICANISM - Bethany Dickert, Chairman**

Department Awards:

**All entries are to be sent to the Department Chairman - Bethany Dickert  
(Address list included with instructions).**

**PIERCE J. CLARK PLAQUE**

**Award Criteria:** To the Unit reporting the most constructive, well rounded program in Americanism.

**Award Guidelines:** Entry must be in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Entry must be typed and may include photos and press releases. Entries must contain the Unit name, number and the name and address of the Unit Chairman.

**Award:** Plaque, presented at the Department Convention.

**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST**

**Award Criteria:** All entries must use "How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?" as the theme.

**Award Guidelines:** Essay may be handwritten or typed. The student's signature must be at the end of the essay. Each Unit must select one winner from each class.

**A completed Award Entry Form must be attached to all essays. All entries must be sent to :  
Bethany Dickert, 5109 Rainbow Lane, Mounds View, MN 55112. Must be postmarked by April 1, 2019.**  
Department entries must be emailed or postmarked by April 15th to National Division Chairman.

<u>Essay Class</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Word Requirement</u>
I	3 & 4	150-250
II	5 & 6	250-300
III	7 & 8	350-400
IV	9 & 10	450-500
V	11 & 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level

**Award:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd place cash award in each class.

1st Place \$25.00

2nd Place \$15.00

3rd Place \$10.00

## **FREEDOM AWARD**

**Award Criteria:** To the Unit Chairman reporting the most outstanding Americanism youth program.

**Award Guidelines:** Entry is to be typed in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. The entry may include no more than five pictures/news articles.

**Award:** Citation, presented at Department Convention.

## **PATRIOT AWARD**

**Award Criteria:** To the Unit Chairman reporting the most outstanding program promoting awareness and proper respect for the American Flag and the National Anthem.

**Award Guidelines:** Entry is to be typed in narrative form, not to exceed 1,000 words. No pictures to clippings are to be included.

**Award:** Citation, presented at Department Convention.

### **National Awards:**

#### **A. Unit Award: Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program**

- Award: Citation Plaque
- Presented to: One unit in each division (5)
- Materials and guidelines:
  - a. The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
  - b. The entry may include no more than five pictures and five news articles.

#### **B. Department Award: Best Department Americanism Program**

- Award: Citation
- Presented to: One department in each division (5)
- Materials and guidelines:
  - a. The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.
  - b. Include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.