



**Sons of the American Legion  
Detachment of New York**

**“What America Means to Me”  
Essay Contest 2018**

**This Information is for School Use**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>The Topic is: “What America Means To Me”</b>
<b>Participants</b>	<b>All students in First through Fifth grade attending a New York State school are eligible. The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New York Americanism Commission will conduct this contest without regard to Race, Religion, Sex, or National Origin</b>
<b>Length</b>	<b>The student may write an essay of any length.</b>
<b>Forms</b>	<b>The student may type the essay on a computer, work processor, or it may be hand written. A special needs student may use Braille, tape recorder, or very large type. A written transcript must be included along with a letter from the teacher attesting to the student’s special need. IMPORTANT - All entries must include the Student’s Name and Grade, School Name, Address, Phone Number, and Teacher’s Name. We ask that teachers please include their contact information.</b>
<b>Judging and Awards</b>	<b>The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of New York’s Americanism Commission will conduct the judging and choose <u>one</u> essay from each grade level, First through Fifth, as the winning entries. The winners will be awarded fifty dollars and the student’s classroom will also receive fifty dollars for their classroom.</b>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Entries must be post-marked by <u>April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018</u>. This will insure notification of winners and participants and distribution of prizes before the school year ends.</b>

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ESSAY CONTEST**

**Please send all entries to:**

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James E. Daly  
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