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Southern Huntingdon County High School
ATTN: English Department
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Dear English Teachers,

As American Legionnaires, we fully believe that education is the cornerstone upon which the future of America is built. Education becomes the first requisite of good citizenship and the relationship of The American Legion to Pennsylvania citizens is of prime importance as a means of keeping us a free civilization.

Our approach to supporting solid educational principles is direct and positive. We agree with the current PA Department of Education initiative of "writing across the curriculum" and reward the efforts of involved students through our annual essay scholarship program.

Through the annual Department of Pennsylvania American Legion Essay scholarship contest, students are provided an opportunity to showcase their talents and abilities in English by using originality, accuracy and research as evidence, while learning that the responsibilities and duties of good citizenship can be both rewarding and fun.

Since the inception of the Department of Pennsylvania state Essay Contest in 1935, The American Legion has awarded well over \$500,000 in scholarships, while local American Legion Posts and Districts have also offered suitable awards for their respective best essay winners as well.

Any student enrolled in grades 9 through 12 grades are eligible to participate.

All Essay's will be picked up on 10 January 2023 by the Post Adjutant Tyler R. Gordon. Please feel free to call 814-448-3024 if any questions, I return calls as soon as possible.



2024 ESSAY CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS
“WHY IS THE 1ST AMENDMENT IMPORTANT IN AMERICA?”

Students **MUST** have a **COVER PAGE** Containing the following:

The Essay Title (As stated above WITH NO CHANGES),

Student's Name, address, telephone, & email address (if applicable),

School Name and Address,

Teacher's verification of Student's Grade Level,

Sponsoring American Legion Post Number & Address,

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Parent or guardian's name, address and phone number,

Student's signature.

All essays (typewritten preferred but not required) Must be **no less than 500** words and **no more than 1,000** words.

The title MUST appear on all pages of the essay as well as the cover page.

Essays shall be judged on the following:

Proper English structure.

Accuracy.

Extent of information.

Originality - Any material not original must be cited in a bibliography for the information of the judges, stating publication, volume, page, date, publisher and author.

Anything cited from the internet must include a verifiable internet address such as: <http://pa-legion.com/about/our-history/>

DEADLINE DATE: Submit the completed essay to the school office before 9 January 2023.