

Americanism Contests/Awards-2008-2009
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1. Americanism Essay Contest

One award in each of five classes will be presented in each Division. Winners will receive \$100 and a citation on the Divisional Level. One national winner (chosen from those winners) will receive \$500 and a citation plaque.

Department entries must follow the directions on the separate form provided. A Department citation will be awarded to one winner in each class. Deadline for entries to this Department Chairman is April 15, 2009. Units are encouraged to hold local contests and (if financially feasible) award prizes in at least one category.

2. Dorothy Pearl Plaque

A national plaque will be presented to the Unit that reports the "Most Outstanding Americanism Program" targeted to children and youth. The entry must be typewritten in narrative form, not to exceed 1000 words. A maximum of five pictures and news articles may be included. Certificates will be awarded on the department level and the best entries will be forwarded to the national competition. Entries must be sent to this department chairman and postmarked by May 1, 2009.

3. Junior Americanism Award

A national plaque will be presented to a junior group that reports the "Most Outstanding Americanism Program" and sends it to this Department chairman by May 1, 2009. Entries must be typed and written in narrative form, not to exceed 1000 words. A maximum of five pictures and news articles may be included. Department will issue citations to all entries received and the best entries will be forwarded to the national competition.

4. Girl Scout Achievement Award

One \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded to a Junior or Senior High School student earning the Girl Scout Gold Award and the appropriate religious emblem. The award application and related information is available on line. Interested students will complete the online application and submit a 500 word essay and letter of recommendation to a sponsoring unit. Units must send applications and essays to this department chairman by May 1, 2009.

5. Department Level Citations-Outstanding Americanism Projects described on reports.