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## **2024-2025 Elks Americanism Essay Contest** **“What Patriotism Means to Me”** **Entries Due to Middleboro Elks 12/15/24**

Dear Middleboro, Lakeville, and surrounding Elementary, Middle, and Home School Students, Administrators, Teachers, and Parents,

As the Chair of the Americanism Committee for the Middleboro Elks, I am excited to offer this national essay contest to the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade students in your schools. This year's theme is entitled *“What Patriotism Means to Me”*.

As you can see in the attached information, the **essays are limited to 300 words and must be submitted, with the cover sheet attached to our lodge by December 15, 2024.** Students do not have to be affiliated with the Elks in any way to enter. Essays can be typed or hand-written; but must include the student's name and grade on them, with entry forms attached. Please **scan the link at top of this page,** to get the entry forms for this year's Americanism contest.

Each of the four grade levels will be judged separately. Various prizes will be awarded at different levels of judging. The national grand prize is \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 for first through third place respectively. The Middleboro MA Lodge #1274's Americanism Committee will judge all submitted entries, and award students locally, before submitting our finalists' essays to the district and national contest.

**Please encourage all your 5<sup>th</sup> through 8th grade students to write and submit their essays to our lodge by December 15, 2024.**

Should you have any additional questions or require assistance regarding the National Elks Essay Contest, please feel free to call or email me.

Thanks for your promoting and participating in this exciting opportunity!

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