



The American Legion
Erie County Committee

City Hall Room 609, 65 Niagara Sq., Buffalo, NY 14202

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Dear Principal:

Enclosed are brochures for the 2018 American Legion/ Auxiliary Essay Contest. As you can see, the title for this year's essay contest is; I am your Flag. "What do the colors of our country mean to me? Why should they be respected?". We attempt to develop topics that are appropriate for inclusion in either English or Social Studies curriculums. Fifth and sixth grade students are invited to participate in separate divisions. **Schools may submit one essay in each division.** Please see the brochure for details.

All Essay's should be forwarded to The Erie County American Legion, ATTN: Essay Chairman, 609 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. They should be in to the office, No Later Than May 7, 2018 to be judged.

As you may be aware, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are organizations that look after the welfare of America's veterans and their families. Many are not aware that we also sponsor activities for young people in communities across the Nation. In addition to this annual Essay contest, The Erie County American Legion sponsors Oratorical contests in High schools, American Legion Baseball, many scholarships are available, and Boys State, a one week in residence model government program for high school juniors.

We look forward to receiving a competitive essay from your school in both the 5th and 6th grade divisions. Please contact Erie County American Legion Headquarters at 852-6500 or the undersigned at 473-7204 with questions.

Respectfully.

Pauline Collier

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Essay Contest Chairman