

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 429

Montgomery Unit – Rhinebeck, NY

What is the program and why do we do it?

The Americanism program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship.

Americanism: a term which became relevant in the late 19th century standing for allegiance to traditions.

When the concept of Americanism was first used, nearly half of all Americans had not attended high school and many being immigrants, did not speak English. Education came to the forefront to teach English, Americanism and Patriotism; as well as to understand what our veterans had endured during the war. As the programs of The American Legion Family grew, so did the knowledge and feeling of Americanism. The U.S. Flag became our symbol of freedom and patriotism, known all over the world.

2023-2024 Theme: “How can we support families who provide care to their veterans?”

What does Americanism mean to you? How have you promoted patriotism? Provide us with examples of how you have been a responsible citizen within our community.

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing. It helps us to tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Americanism Scholarship Essay Rules

- Rhinebeck High School Seniors, graduating in 2024
- Entries must be typed, double spaced, 500 to 1000 words in narrative form
- All entries must include a cover sheet with the following detail:
 - Titles ‘Americanism Scholarship’
 - Name and contact information for applicant (address, phone and email)
 - Name and signature if supporting teacher or guidance counselor
- Entries must be placed in a folder
- Please do not put your name on the pages of the essay or use your name in the body of the essay (essays are kept anonymous until one is selected for the scholarship)
- All entries can be emailed to rhsscholarships@rhinebeckcsd.org or handed to Ms Gillman
- Deadline April 30, 2024