



## FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION



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Abram Lucabaugh, Ed. D.  
Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Central Bucks School District  
20 Welden Drive  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Dear Dr. Lucabaugh:

It is my pleasure to invite your students to participate in the **Americanism Essay Contest** for Grades 7-12 sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA). The FRA is a Congressionally chartered, non-profit organization that represents the interests of the Sea Service community comprised of current and former U.S Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel. I represent the FRA Essay Contest Committee for the local FRA Branch 146 that resides in Warminster, PA.

The FRA National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism sponsors an annual Americanism Essay Contest, based on a theme announced each Spring. This year's theme is "**What Freedom of Speech Means to Me.**" Students will be judged at the **local**, regional and national level, where entrants will compete for cash prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 in each grade level. The contest's Grand National \$5,000. Students are asked to submit essays of 350 words or less. All entries must be submitted to the local FRA Branch 146 Essay Chairman by December 1, 2018.

In last year's contest Branch 146 awarded 12 winners over \$900 in **local** prize money. One was selected as a winner at the **Regional & National** level & awarded an additional \$2,500. Names of all of last year's National winners are listed on the FRA website ([www.FRA.Org](http://www.FRA.Org)).

I have enclosed several essay specific informational pages and posters. Please post the enclosed information poster in your High Schools, Middle Schools and your website. We encourage your school's participation and welcome all entries;

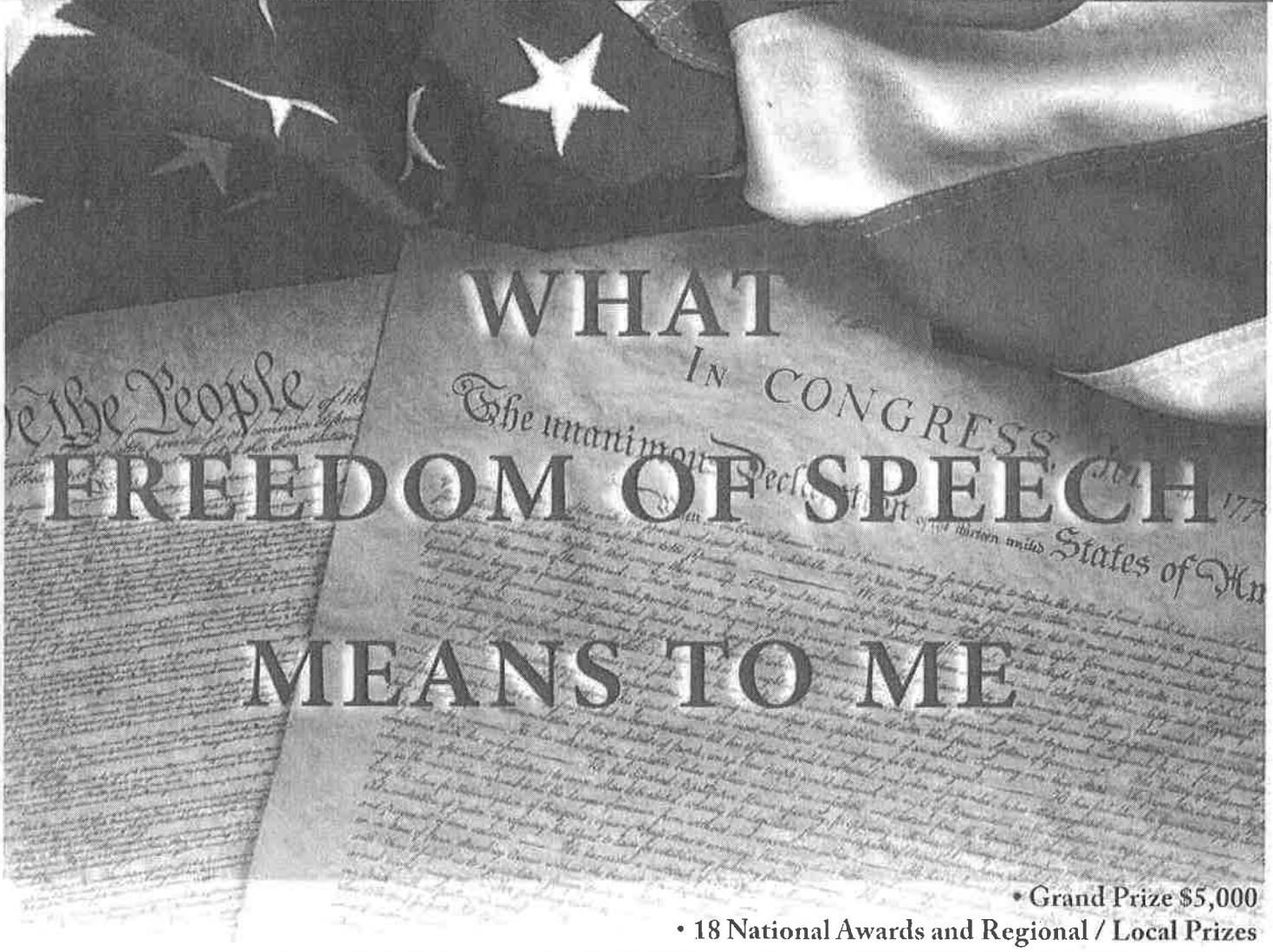
Sincerely,

Joseph M. Millman  
FRA Branch 146 Essay Chairman

Enclosures:  
FRA Americanism Essay Contest informational materials



# FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION 2018-2019 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST



• Grand Prize \$5,000  
• 18 National Awards and Regional / Local Prizes

Eligibility: Students, grades 7 through 12  
Deadline: December 1, 2018  
Requirements: 350 words or less about "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me"  
Website: [www.fra.org/essay](http://www.fra.org/essay)

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**For information about the contest, contact:**

School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_  
FRA Essay Chairman:  FRA Branch 146  
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## FRA AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- All entrants shall be students in grades seven through twelve (or equivalent).
- Entrants must be sponsored by a branch of the Fleet Reserve Association or a unit of the Ladies Auxiliary, or by an FRA Member-at-Large.
- The essay shall be on the theme designated and shall not exceed 350 words.
- **The essay shall be legibly written or typed on one side of the paper.**
- The title of the essay shall be written or typed at the top of the paper.
- A student may submit only one entry each year.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a separate sheet stating: the entrant's name; address; zip code; telephone number; school grade (or equivalent); name of school or the words "home schooled;" number of words in essay; and the sponsoring branch/unit or sponsor's name.
- Entries submitted to branches shall be submitted to the Branch Americanism-Patriotism Committee and postmarked not later than December 1, for judging at the branch level.
- Entries sponsored by membership at large members shall be submitted to the national chairman and forwarded to an appropriate branch for judging in their respective grade group. All entries shall be postmarked not later than December 1.





## FRA AMERICANISM ESSAY COVER SHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Words in Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Member/Branch/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Permission: I understand that my student is participating in FRA's Americanism Essay Contest and authorize FRA to publish photos of him/her if he/she should receive recognition for this entry.**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please type or write legibly.

**PLEASE USE THIS FORM ONLY – NO OTHER ACCEPTED**



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