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# Thirtieth Essay Contest

OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED UNDER GRADUATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN THE U.S.A.



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**AWARDS:**      **1st Prize—\$3,000**      **...2nd—\$1,250**      **...3rd—\$1,000**  
**Instructor of top winning student will receive a \$250 Honorarium**

**ESSAY TOPICS:** Students may choose to write on any topic listed below. They may also submit an essay on all three. There is only one set of cash prizes, and all essays will be judged in the same pool, regardless of its topic.

## **Topic 1 – Federal or State Budgets**

Should there be a mandatory requirement imposed upon legislators for a timely, balanced budget. This would be a budget without deficits or surpluses.

## **Topic 2 – Voter Competency**

Should there be a reading and civic knowledge test before a person is eligible to vote?

## **Topic 3 – Closing Tax Loopholes**

Enumerate and explain tax loopholes to be eliminated

## **Topic 4 – Unemployment**

How can the unemployed individual become productive without disturbing the economy?

**GUIDELINES:** The essays will be judged — not on the basis of agreement or disagreement with the views of Americanism Educational League, or on the length of their bibliographies — but on their internal logic, coherence, originality, thoughtfulness, and evidence of sound research.

**CONDITIONS:** Minimum Length 1500 words; maximum length is 2,000 words. Essays must be typed and double spaced. Each essay must be accompanied by an Entry Form available on our website and a brief biography. Winners will be asked to submit a photo and Social Security Number. Each instructor may submit an unlimited number of essays.

**DEADLINES:**      **POSTMARK—NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, April 30th, 2012**

For more information please visit our website: [www.americanism.org](http://www.americanism.org), or email to subject: [essay\\_contest\\_aelmain@americanism.org](mailto:essay_contest_aelmain@americanism.org) .

INSTRUCTORS—PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR EACH OF YOUR STUDENTS

MAIL ALL ENTRIES TO:      **AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE**  
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