

Good Morning,

For over ten years, the Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge, located in Pelham, Alabama, has sponsored an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 5 through 8. Your school has always been well represented, with annual winners who were honored by our Lodge and the State. This year's essay theme is "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?". We believe this topic will provide teachers with an essay prompt that will inspire students to participate.

Our organization believes that participation in this contest will instill in students a genuine sense of pride and respect for their country. In the past, we have had over 800 entries with both district and state winners coming from Shelby County schools.

Detailed instructions and contact information are included in the attachment to this email.

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