

**American Legion
Albert R. Atkinson Post 210
Essay Contest Application**

Each year the Doylestown American Legion Post 210 in partnership with the Department of Pennsylvania American Legion sponsors an Annual Essay Contest for grades 9 thru 12. This year's topic for the Pennsylvania American Legion 92nd Annual Contest essay topic is ***“Digital Privacy in the 21st Century: Do 4th Amendment Protections extend to Modern Technologies”***.

The prizes for the winning essays will be awarded as follows:

- **First Place Winner - \$3,500 scholarship, a plaque**, and a trip to the Pennsylvania American Legion Convention in July 2027 to read the winning essay to the assembled delegates.
- **Second Place Winner - \$3,000 scholarship** and a plaque.
- **Third Place Winner - \$2,500 scholarship** and a plaque.

Essays should be submitted to the Doylestown American Legion Post 210 Essay Chairman Ed O'Dwyer at odwyerpa@comcast.net not later than midnight January 13th, 2027.

Note: Students **MAY NOT** use an AI for any assistance with the essay.

The Essay Requirements Application and Requirements provide the Cover Page and requirements for the Essay, which can be found at [Dept. Essay Brochure – 9 – 12 grades](#) 2027. If you have any questions, please email Ed O'Dwyer at odwyerpa@comcast.net.

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American Legion Post 210 is sponsoring a scholarship for students applying to an institution of higher education. Applicants must be High School Seniors and live within the bounds of the Central Bucks School District.

State Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place are \$3,500, \$3,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Additional prize money may be awarded at the Post and District level.

Children of a Post 210 member are not eligible to receive the Post 210 Scholarship. Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. are eligible.

The winning essay of the Post 210 Scholarship will be forwarded to 9th District for further consideration in the Pennsylvania American Legion 92nd Annual Essay Contest.

Use the following format for the American Legion Essay Contest Cover Page.

“Digital Privacy in the 21st Century: Do 4th Amendment Protections extend to Modern Technologies”

Applicant Name: _____

Address of Student:

Student telephone number.

Email address of Student

Current School:

School Address:

Grade Level:

Signature of Teacher Verifying Student's Grade Level: _____

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Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Address:

Parent's telephone number:

Student's signature:

Include the following in your application packet:

The application cover sheet. Information may be hand written.

A typed essay (500 to 1,000 words long) answering the following question

“Digital Privacy in the 21st Century: Do 4th Amendment Protections extend to Modern Technologies”

Following all the requirements of the Pennsylvania American Legion Essay Contest,

Essay must be emailed as a Word document, not a PDF or Google Document.

A one-page resume outlining your most significant academic achievements, athletic achievements, and community service projects. Emailed only as a Word document, not a PDF or Google Document.

If there is a minor error it is easier for the coordinator to fix the error in a Word Document rather than to drive the applicant batty trying to get a corrected returned before the deadline.

Attach your latest high school transcript. Email as a PDF document

Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, a school counselor, an athletic coach, or a supervisor from a community service project. Email as a PDF document.

Use the format of this Section. Times New Roman, 12 pitch, line spacing 1.5 lines. Margins are; left .75”, right .5”, top and bottom .5”. This is mandatory as it ensures that each essay and resume look exactly alike. Do not include any graphics.

How did you hear about our scholarship?

Deadline: All forms must be emailed to odwyerpa@comcast.net no later than midnight January 13th, 2027.

Address any questions to Ed O'Dwyer at odwyerpa@comcast.net

Note: Applicants' parents will be notified by email when the Post 210 Scholarship committee receives your application prior to review and when scholarship selections are made.