

# **Why I Am an American Patriot**

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*I am an American patriot for several reasons. Some are common to all patriots, and some are unique to me. Anyone can be a patriot on the outside, but you have to be special to be a patriot on the inside too.*

*I am an American patriot because wherever I go , I proudly display my country's colors and defend what we stand for as a nation. I defend freedom of speech, the constitution, our military personnel stationed at home and abroad, and the government that leads us. I am a patriot because I stand up for what is right in our country.*

*I am also a patriot because I participate in special organizations that support our country such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Rotary Club, and the United States Navy League Cadet Corps. Most people are familiar with the first two organizations, but perhaps not the USNLCC. This is a group sponsored by the United States Navy. The organization has cadets all around the world and offers young adults the experience of learning what Navy life is like. We go to boot camp and attend many drills in different areas every year. The program offers many classes that some adults will never get to attend such as medical school and SCUBA class. Our squad is stationed in Santa Barbara, and I travel four hours south to that city, not to see the beach, but to put on my uniform and show my patriotism at events and drill.*

*For the above reasons, I am an American patriot. The next time you hear our National Anthem played, perhaps at school or a professional football game, you may want to think about what this great nation has given us. You can stand a little taller and sing a little louder because you are a patriot of this great country we call home - the United States of America.*