

Sons of the American Revolution, Independence Chapter - Youth Contests



AMERICANISM POSTER - THEME: 2014 "Francis Marion - The Swamp Fox"

GRADE: 3rd, 4th or 5th, depending on which year the American Revolution is taught.

RULES: 1) 22" x 28" standard poster board OR on thicker poster/foam board; 2) Any media of drawing material; 3) may paste unpublished material (not commercially printed) on the poster; 4) No three dimensional posters; 5) show evidence of research on theme; 6) may include a short written explanation on the poster concerning symbols used; 7) completed entry form affixed to back and must contain the following - a) Student Data: Name, Address, Age, and Grade; b) Organization Data: Name of Teacher/Leader, Name of School/Organization and Address; c) Sponsor Independence SAR Chapter # 40, Robert Cohen, President, PO Box 443, Wellborn, TX 77881, r-cohen@aggienetwork.com and Texas State Society Sons of the American Revolution, Poster Chair Stephen Lee.

JUDGING: 1) express annual theme, 2) show originality, 3) show evidence of research, 4) show artistic merit and creativity, 5) accurately reflect historical event, 6) neat and visually pleasing.

REFERENCE- https://www.sar.org/Youth/Americanism_Poster_Contest; updated entry form on website in near future.

BROCHURE - THEME: 2014 "Francis Marion - The Swamp Fox"; 2015 "George Rogers Clark"

GRADE: Middle School - students in 8th Grade or equivalent middle school grade when American History is taught

RULES: brochure is to be produced on an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper. Judging criteria will be similar to the existing criteria in the Poster Contest.

More info - updated entry form will be on the NSSAR website in the near future.



NATIONAL HISTORY DAY - Regional History Fair is February 7 at Star of the Republic Museum

THEME: Rights and Responsibilities in History

GRADE: 6th to 12th Junior division - grades 6-8 and the senior division - grades 9-12.

RULES: NHD is an academic program focused on historical research for students. Topic may be presented in original papers, exhibits, performances, websites or documentaries. Nationally, \$1,000 to the best project on George Washington within theme. Entry deadline for regional fair is Jan. 10, 2014; Schools limited to three entries per category per division. Students choose their own topics of study related to an annual theme, conduct extensive research, and choose the best method for displaying their findings. Projects can be done individually or as a group. A group consists of from two to five students. Project categories include: historical paper (individuals only), exhibit, documentary, performance and interpretive website. Coordinator - Anne McGaugh, Curator of Education, Star of the Republic Museum, P. O. Box 317, 23200 Park Rd. 12, Washington, TX 77880, 936-878-2461, ext. 237, amcgaugh@blinn.edu, www.starmuseum.org.

REFERENCE: http://www.starmuseum.org/education/history_fair.html, <http://nationalhistoryday.org/>

ORATION - THEME: The subject shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document, pertaining to the Revolutionary War, showing the relationship it bears to America today. Student may create title.

GRADE: 9 through 12

RULES: Must be an original composition of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes.

Must be given from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props.

JUDGING: 1) To support historical research by promoting oratorical presentations related to our Revolutionary War period 1750-1800. 2) To emphasize American History to the high school student and focus on and intelligent relationship between the past and the present. 3) To place a positive emphasis on the plans of our founding fathers.

REFERENCE: <http://www.txssar.org/oration12.htm>; https://www.sar.org/Youth/Oration_Contest_Rules

From national, Form b must be signed by participant and speech teacher and attached.



Eagle Scout Scholarship - THEME: Patriotic

GRADE: 9 through 12, Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application (calendar year, 01 Jan. to 31 Dec.)

Scholarships to be awarded in the Spring of the following year.

RULES: 1) Two page application form, 2) Four Generation ancestor chart, 3) 500 words

REFERENCE: https://www.sar.org/Youth/Eagle_Scout (at bottom of web page)



ESSAY - THEME: "The Magna Carta and its influence on the leaders of the American Revolution, the drafting of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution or Bill of Rights"

GRADE: 9 - 12 attending public, parochial, or private high schools, includes accredited home schools

RULES: an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history. **1)** Submit an essay with original research and proven topic written in English. **2)** Deal with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. **3)** Source at least five (5) references with the minimum of three being published book sources to allow for verification of sources if necessary. References from Encyclopedias or Internet sites will be accepted, but are not considered as part of the three published book sources. If there are no book sources (i.e. all are from encyclopedias or internet sources), the essay will be disqualified. **4)** Essay must have four parts: A) title page, B) essay pages, C) bibliography (works cited), and D) contestant's biography. The title page, bibliography and contestant's biography must be listed on separate pages and no reference to the contestant's name or information can be part of the Essay pages or Bibliography. Please follow these rules exactly. Essays that do not conform to the rules may be immediately disqualified. **5)** The title page must include the title of the essay, contestant's name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available). In addition, the title page must include the name, address, and telephone number of the high school in which the contestant is enrolled, and the contestant's grade level. **6)** The essay must have a minimum of 800 words and not exceed 1,200 words (excluding title page, footnotes, bibliography page, and biography page. Word counts based on a word processor are acceptable.) **7)** The First page of the Essay must include the title of the essay. (No contestant information must appear on these pages as they are separated and distributed to the judges for grading to prevent possible grading bias.) **8)** Essay is typed double-spaced on white bond paper. No bindings or special covers are needed. Graphics are not permitted. An original copy of essay must be submitted. Poor quality copies will not be accepted. Plagiarism will be grounds for disqualification. **9)** Essay and bibliography must be documented in accordance with the Modern Language Association publication, MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (see www.mla.org) or Kate L. Turabian's publication, A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (see www.bridgew.edu/Library/turabian.cfm). **10)** Biography is limited to one page. Topics to be included in the biography are academic awards and achievements, school activities, community activities, and plans for college. **11)** E-mail Submissions, for the sake of time are preferred. Snail mail within the time constraints are acceptable.

JUDGING: 1) Historical accuracy, 2) Clarity of thought, 3) Organization and proven topic, 4) Grammar and spelling, 5) Documentation.

ROTC / JROTC - THEME: Foster principle of "citizen-soldier", exemplified by Minutemen of Revolutionary War days.

GRADE: 9 - 12 ROTC or JROTC cadets, who have a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, merit in patriotism, scholarship and general excellence.

RULES: The SAR ROTC Medal is approved by the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Air Force.

JUDGING: Selected by the Commanding Officer of unit based upon merit in patriotism, scholarship and general excellence. Note: Outstanding Navy Sea Cadet Corps may receive Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, nominated by Commanding Officer for Cadet's Leadership, Military Bearing, and Excellence of Character, Scholarship, and Citizenship.

REFERENCE: <https://www.sar.org/Youth/ROTC-JROTC>

American History/Social Studies Teacher

THEME: To identify, recognize, and commend an Outstanding Social Studies Teacher

GRADE: Teaches 9 - 12 at the middle or high school setting, at private, public or parochial school

Contact Independence Chapter for rules, award, and references.

Deadline for most contests - Friday, November 15, 2013



Local winners will be invited to SAR event to be honored. For additional information, contact Robert S. Cohen, President, Independence Chapter # 40, P.O. Box 433, Wellborn, TX 77881, 979-690-3500, r-cohen@aggienetwork.com

Web Page - <http://www.txssar.org/Independence/>

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