

Win \$6,000 by talking about America



The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) each year offers students an opportunity to win an award certificate and medal at the local level, and significant cash prizes at the state and national levels. The winner of the local contest will be entered in the State SAR Oration competition, and that winner will compete in the National contest. In SAR.org, the education menu, Youth Awards tab are official rules. Below is an unofficial summary.

Oration awards at the Various Levels:

1. First place winner at the local level will be awarded a medal and certificate. Second and Third place winners receive a certificate and dinner for two at Hermitage Steakhouse.
2. Winners at the State level will receive \$1,000. Expenses involving lodging, meals, and transportation to, at, and from the National SAR Contest (Houston TX, July 2018) will be borne by the Tennessee Society SAR.
3. All national contestants will be awarded \$200. The 1st place winner at the National level will receive a \$5,000 scholarship award. The 2nd place will win a \$3,000 scholarship, and the 3rd place winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. All 3 winners will receive an Olympic-size medal. All other finalists will be awarded \$400.

Students who enter the contest must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in a public, parochial, private, or home school during the contest year.
2. *Winning essay participants, on all levels, must supply a social security number or alien identification/green card number in order to receive their award.*

3. Enter the local contest through the Andrew Jackson SAR chapter.
4. Enter only once during a single contest year.
5. Shall not have won 1st place the previous year.
6. Submit an oration that meets the following criteria:
 - A. Be an original creation of the entrant
 - B. Not less than 5 minutes or more than 6 minutes long
 - C. The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today
 - D. Submit a copy of their oration, a photograph and biographical sketch of themselves to the local SAR chapter
 - E. The oration must be essentially the same as the submitted manuscript
 - F. No notes or props (including uniforms) may be used
 - G. The contestants must agree that the interpretation of rules and the decisions of the National Society SAR and its judges shall govern without reservation
 - H. The first place National winner is expected to attend the youth awards luncheon the day after the final competition

Judging:

Essays which meet the criteria listed above will be accepted and judged equally on the following criteria:

1. Composition
2. Delivery
3. Significance
4. History

Deadlines:

1. Students or sponsoring teachers should repeat participation plans via AJSAR.org contact us tab. Finalists might be invited to speak at The Hermitage Theater Thursday 07Dec2017 at 6:30 p.m. 31Dec2017 is the absolute entry deadline.
2. Andrew Jackson Chapter will submit our selected winner to the SAR Tennessee society by January 31. The Tennessee Society competition among chapter winners will be held during the Tennessee Society SAR's Annual meeting.
2. State societies must submit their winner to the National society by June 7, 2018 (4 weeks before National Convention)

For further information about the SAR Oration contest:

Please use the AJSAR.org “contact us” tab to tell us your school’s interest. We will be in touch about preliminary competitions.