

What is the SAR?

The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c) 3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend:

- the institutions of American freedom
- an appreciation for true patriotism
- a respect for our national symbols
- the value of American citizenship
- the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of those who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

Contact Information



WHO CAN JOIN?

The SAR is a "lineage" society. This means that each member has traced their family tree back to a point of having an ancestor who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783.

DO YOU HAVE A PATRIOT ANCESTOR?

If you already know that you have such an ancestor, then you may want to continue on to our "Why We Join" page or even go straight to our "Where to Start" page.

If you aren't sure whether any of your ancestors lived in the United States during the Revolution, don't lose heart. Many people who never set foot in the United States supported the American colonists struggle against British domination -- for example the king of Spain. Many patriots or their descendants moved to foreign lands and their descendants moved back later, not knowing their ancestors were here before. Many French, German, and Spanish soldiers and sailors fought in support of American independence and returned home without making their descendants aware of their participation in gaining American independence.



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YOUTH AWARD PROGRAMS



The Americanism Poster
Contest

*"The objects of this Society
are declared to be patriotic,
historical, and
educational...."*

*-Constitution of the SAR
Article II*

Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award winner will be able to choose a trip to one of the following seminars:

- Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pa.,
- Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Workshop in Williamsburg, Va.,
- Jefferson Symposium at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., or
- SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution.

The award winner will represent a teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750 - 1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current accepted, curriculum requirements.

(Grades 4-12)

<https://sar.org/education/awards/american-history-teacher-award>



The Americanism Poster Contest

This contest is open to students in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, depending on when the American Revolution is taught in their school system. This includes public, private, parochial, charter and home schooled students. The contest is also open to members of the C.A.R., Cub Scouts and Brownies who are in the same grade if their school does not participate. Judging is based upon portrayal of the theme, originality, evidence of research, neatness, artistic merit and creativity. The permanent themes are "Revolutionary War Events" in school years ending in an even number and "Revolutionary War Persons" in school years ending in an odd number. National winners receive a ribbon, certificate and a cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary. **(Grades 3-5)**

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest>

The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

This contest is open to middle school students, depending on when the American Revolution or Government is taught in their school system. This includes public, private, parochial, charter and home schooled students. The contest is also open to members of the C.A.R., Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who are in the same grade if their school does not participate. Judging is based upon content, creativity and correctness. The permanent theme is "The Founding Documents of the United States." They are: Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. National winners receive a ribbon, certificate and a cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary. **(Grades 6-9)**

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/sgt-moses-adams-memorial-middle-school-brochure-contest>

The Children of the American Revolution Award

This award is given at chapter, state, and national levels to C.A.R. members who have performed outstanding service in the furthering of the principles of freedom, and knowledge about and appreciation of the American Revolution, and in supporting the goals of the C.A.R. **(C.A.R. members)**

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/car-activity-award>

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

The Rumbaugh Oration contest, **open to all students in grades 9-12** supports the Secondary School and SAR education objectives by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, tragedy and triumph of the men and women who achieved the independence of the American people. These stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each generation as it is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions. The Orations Contest has the endorsement and seal of approval on our web-site of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Our Chapter members are the primary drivers in stimulating students to participate. They work through teachers of all subjects in the school system and the Home School Associations. The contest culminates in an inspiring National Orations Contest held each year, with State winners representing their respective Societies and Districts.

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest>

The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Program

This competition is open to Eagle Scouts who are registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. To enter, an application must be submitted at the Chapter level, consisting of a two-page application form, four-generation ancestry chart, and a 500 word patriotic theme. Like other competitions described above, this one is conducted at all three levels.

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award>

The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

The program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history. At Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels, students must submit an original essay, with topics based on original research and deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Cash award. **(Grades 9-12)**

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest>

The Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award

This high school level award fosters the principle of "citizen-soldier" as exemplified by the American Revolution's Minuteman. The process of selection begins with the JROTC Unit's Senior Military Instructor (SMI). Qualified cadets are then selected through Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels of the contest competition. Selection criteria include demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement. Each cadet must submit an original essay on a topic designated by the ROTC/JROTC & Services Academy Liaison Committee. **(Nominated cadet must be a Junior in High School)**

<https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/rotc-jrotc-recognition-program>

For more information about how to apply for any of these awards, please go to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution website at www.sar.org.

National competitions take place at the yearly Congress each summer.