



Washington Society
Sons of the American Revolution
YOUTH & TEACHER CONTESTS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDE
2022-2023 School Year



New School Year Brings New Opportunities

The Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has great news to share with schools, teachers and students. For starters, we have **substantially increased the financial reward students will receive for their hard work!** Additionally, we will reach out to not only high school students, **but also children in our elementary and middle schools!** We will be reintroducing our Elementary School Poster Contest along with the Middle School Tri-fold Brochure contest.

New for this year, the Washington Society is proud to introduce our **Youth Video Contest!** Now students can express their imagination and knowledge through a visual media. Of course, award money or scholarships are available for our winners. Set the lights and roll the cameras!

Finally, our state society will be recognizing an outstanding **History Teacher of The Year**. The recipient teacher will also receive a handsome financial award. As with many of our youth contests, State level winners will be submitted to National for recognition in the *Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence History Teacher of The Year* competition.

Here's the All-Star line Up of Youth Contests and History Teacher Recognition Programs:

1. **Elementary Schools: *The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest*** encourages all 3rd, 4th, and

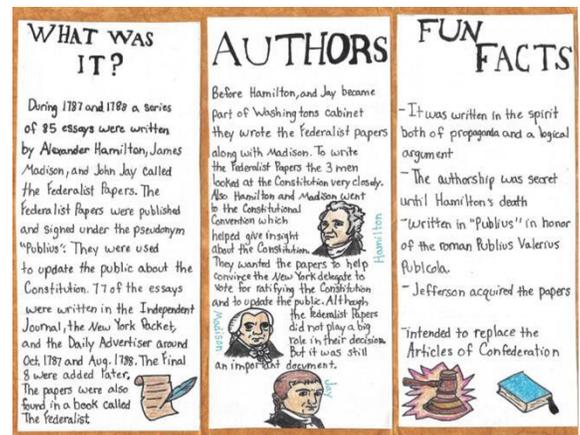


First Place Winner 2022

5th grade students interested in the American Revolution to participate. The contest is open to public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution members in that same grade range. Young artists with an enthusiasm toward art, a love of American history, or a passion in creative expression can submit their posters to their local SAR Chapter for competition. While the Americanism Poster Contest begins at the local level, students' masterpieces may eventually be judged and monetarily awarded at the national level in June at the annual SAR Congress.

2. **Middle Schools: *Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest*** invites students enrolled in 6th, 7th and 8th grades to create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme which is one the five foundational documents of the United States – which you select.

A student's brochure will be judged on *Content*, *Creativity*, and factual *Correctness*. The judging criteria rates highest personally drawn artwork and text authored by the student as opposed to cut and paste from books, magazines and the Internet. The use of software tools by the student for creating the brochure, and even the artwork, is permissible.



3. **High Schools:** There are **FIVE** excellent competitive categories for public, private and home-schooled students in grades **9-12**. Competition starts at the local SAR Chapter level, with winners progressing to state competition. State level winners proceed to National SAR contention where substantial awards are also available.

- a. **George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay**—Participants must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each entry will be judged on its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation. Students also often earn extra credit from their History or Civics teachers for writing an essay.



- b. **Youth Video Contest**—**NEW FOR THIS YEAR!** Contestants will submit a video presentation five to ten minutes in length. The subject should focus on an event, personality, document, or topic pertaining to the American Revolution. Emphasis on the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution is recommended. The style, approach, and perspective are not limited. The entry may be in the form of a documentary, dramatization, interview, advertisement, rap battle, etc. Creativity is encouraged. Entries must contain original content based on scholarly research of the presented topic. Content may not violate copyright laws.



- b. **Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Competition**—Participants must write an original oration of not less than five minutes, or more than six minutes. The oration must be delivered from memory and without the use of notes or props of any kind. The subject of the oration shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War with an emphasis on our nation's 250th anniversary celebration. It is essential that each oration show the relationship it bears to America today. Evidence of historical research and creative presentation are also important. The oration will be judged based upon its composition, delivery, significance, historical accuracy, and relevance to our 250th anniversary.



- c. **JROTC Enhanced Essay Contest**—High school students who are in their junior year and are participating in a JROTC program have an essay competition especially designed for them! Cadets prepare a 700-word essay on “How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America.” In addition to the essay, SAR presents cadets with a Bronze Medal award for outstanding leadership and performance throughout the school year.



- d. **Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Essay Contest**—Students who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout may participate in an essay contest (until their 18th birthday) challenging them to discuss a patriotic theme involving the American Revolution. In addition to an essay, scouts prepare a four-generation family history chart and other documentation describing their accomplishments in Scouting. Eagle Scouts who place nationally can earn substantial financial awards beyond our state awards & recognition.



NSSAR & WASSAR History Teachers Of The Year:



John Zingale, left, a National SAR Middle School History Teacher of The Year, teaches at Vancouver iTech Preparatory School. Linda Korum, right, a National SAR Elementary School History Teacher of the Year, with “General George Washington”, Tukes Valley School, Battle Ground.

Each year, our National SAR Society selects one history teacher from the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels to honor their innovative methods of teaching and engaging their students—challenging young minds to explore the accomplishments of patriots during the American Revolution.

Candidates at each of these levels are judged by our Washington Society Teacher of The Year Committee, which forwards completed applications to the *Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence National History Teacher of the Year* Committee at the National level.

NEW! Beginning this year, the **Washington Society** will also select our own overall **History Teacher of The Year** from among the candidates submitted by our Chapters. While all the elementary, middle school, and high school level applications submitted by Chapters are forwarded to National, the one selected by our State Society’s committee is presented a handsome certificate and financial award of \$1,000. Contact your closest SAR Chapter President (as highlighted in this brochure) for more information or our WASSAR Teacher of The Year Chairman, Gregory Lucas, (also noted in this brochure).



Monetary Award Summary:

Award	National SAR				
	First	Second	Third	FOURTH	FIFTH
Joseph Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$500
Enhanced JROTC Essay Contest	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
Youth Video Contest	*	*	*	*	*
Arthur & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
American Middle School Brochure Contest	\$375	\$275	\$175		
American Elementary School Poster Contest	\$325	\$175	\$125		
Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest	Award Package valued up to \$5000				

Award	Washington Society		
	First	Second	Third
Joseph Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
George S. & Stella Knight Essay Contest	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Enhanced JROTC Essay Contest	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Youth Video Contest	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Arthur & Bernadena King Eagle Scout Scholarship	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
American Middle School Brochure Contest	\$250	\$150	\$100
American Elementary School Poster Contest	\$250	\$150	\$100
Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest	\$1,000	N/A	N/A

* The Youth Video Contest is a new program and is currently only available in limited State level pilot programs. Our Washington Society is one of the states participating in this initiative. Students receiving a monetary award of \$600 or more from any of our youth program categories have the option of taking it as a Scholarship or a cash award.



Youth Program Committee Chairs and other important information:

Program	Chairman & Contact Info	Deadlines
Rumbaugh Oration	Fred Templin (425-831-1118)	Chapter Competition, January-March 1
	fltemplin@gmail.com	State Competition, March-April
Knight Essay	Jeff Lightburn (949-735-9886)	Chapter Competition deadline, December 31 st
	jlighburn@gmail.com	Chapter entry to state deadline, January 20
Poster & Brochure	Allen Furlow (406-871-4084)	Chapter Competition, February 28
	allenfurlow@yahoo.com	State Competition, April 29
Video Contest	Keith Weissinger (253-224-4108)	Chapter Competition, February 1
	kweiss47@comcast.net	State Competition, March 1
Eagle Scout Essay	Gregory Emerson (425-919-7616)	Chapter Competition, December 31
	emersongregoryd@gmail.com	State Competition, January 30
JROTC Essay	Conrad Plyler (360-769-5910)	Chapter Competition, February 1
	grayman@wavecable.com	State Competition, April 1
Teachers Of Year	Gregory Lucas (425-424-3302)	Chapter Submittals: December 23 deadline
	gregorylucas@lucasandlucas.com	

Your Program Chairs can provide you detailed information on each of the programs. Information is also viewable on both our Washington State Society website (washingtonsar.org) or National website (sar.org)

WASHINGTON SOCIETY CHAPTERS

Chapters	President & Contact Info	Meeting
Alexander Hamilton	Jerry Bordelon (253-777-8388)	Tower Entertainment, 6323 6th Ave., Tacoma
	jerrybor@gmail.com	3rd Saturday, except Jul, Aug -- 9 am
Cascade Centennial	Mark Shaffer (206-401-4900)	Bellevue Hilton, 300 112th Ave SE, Bellevue
	mark.r.shaffer@hotmail.com	1st Saturday, except Jul, Aug, Sep -- 9 am
Fort Vancouver	Allen Furlow (406-871-4084)	American Legion Post #14, 4607 NE St. James Rd, Vancouver
	allenfurlow@yahoo.com	3rd Saturday, except Jul, Aug -- 9 am
George Rogers Clark	Arthur Dolan (509-998-3227)	Location & Timing; TBA (Contact GRC President Dolan)
	awdolan@comcast.net	Olympia area
George Washington	Mike Hutchins (509-879-6889)	Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Witney Rd, Mt. Vernon
	tacducks@gmail.com	3rd Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 10 am
John Paul Jones	Perry Taylor (408-841-6207)	DAV #5, 4980 Auto Center WAY, Bremerton
	ptaylor350@aol.com	4th Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 9 am
Mid-Columbia	Richard Roddy (509-943-2291)	Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Rd., Richland
	r_rodny@hotmail.com	3rd Saturday, except Jul, Aug -- 11:30 am
Ranger	William Barnsdale (916-612-3189)	Harbour Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo
	barnsdale.bill@gmail.com	3rd Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 9 am
Seattle	Grant Rauzi (206-200-2494)	Aurora Borialis, 16708 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline
	grantrau@hotmail.com	2nd Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 9 am
Spokane #1	Carl Durkoop (509-534-0579)	Illinois Ave. Bar & Grill, 1403 E. Illinois Ave., Spokane
	cdurkoop@valbridge.com	2nd Friday, except Jul, Aug -- 9 am



Who are we?

The Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit, 501(c)3 entity. As such it is prohibited from engaging in political speech or activities of any kind. Our focus is on Education, History, and Patriotism. We strive to encourage research and understanding of the American Revolution and surrounding events, people, and documents with particular emphasis on celebrating and understanding America's 250th Anniversary.

