

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Entry Form

Chapter and State Society Guidelines

Deadline for Entry Form Submission: June 1st

PDF fillable forms **require** that you **have the latest version** of Adobe Reader. These are free downloads from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. Use caution in choosing the correct operating system for your computer. In addition, make sure you check for updates by going to the Adobe website or by opening up Reader, clicking on HELP and then click on "Check for Updates".

BEFORE starting on your Americanism Poster Contest Entry Form Form below, please follow the instructions provided below. The Rules and Guidelines for the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest follow on the next page.

Chapter Instructions:

Use the "[Click to Save to Your PC](#)" button. Add your Chapter Name to the front of the Saved file Name.

For example, "**MyChapter Americanism Poster Contest Form for 20xx-20xx.PDF**".

The folder you save the document in is your choice. Just remember where you saved it.

Once saved, call up the entry form and complete the "Chapter Information", "Student Information" and "Organization Information" sections of the form.

Once the Entry Form has been completed and saved using the "[Click to Save to Your PC](#)" button, Email or Mail a copy of the entry form to the State Americanism Chairman. **Please request a "Read Receipt" to confirm that the file was received.**

State Society Instructions:

AFTER the State Society has chosen its Americanism Poster Contest Winner, use the "[Click to Save to Your PC](#)" button to begin a new entry form following the process outlined in "Chapter Instructions". Be sure to add your State Society Name to the Saved file Name. For example, "**MySociety Americanism Poster Contest Form for 20xx-20xx.PDF**".

The winning State Society poster must have a new entry form completed *in duplicate* for the winning student. One (1) copy must be emailed (mail or fax is acceptable) to the NSSAR Americanism Committee Chairman and one (1) copy must be emailed (mail or fax is acceptable) to the NSSAR Executive Director.

The deadline for submission is **June 1st** prior to the Annual Congress where final judging will take place. Use the "[Click to Email](#)" button below to email the "renamed" form as an Attachment. By clicking on the Email button below, this document will be sent to **both** the NSSAR Executive Director and the National Americanism Committee Chairman.

Please request a "Read Receipt" so that you will know that your file was received.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

The National Society SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in and aid the study of American History in the 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade Curriculum (whichever year the subject is taught). In 2012 the contest was expanded to include Cub Scouts, Brownies, Children of the American Revolution and other youth organizations recognized by the NSSAR Americanism Committee in addition to public, private, parochial or home schools.

Participants from other organizations must be of equivalent age for 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, whichever year that American History is taught in the specific school district. If American History is taught in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition at the discretion of the NSSAR Americanism Committee. All entries will be judged on an equal basis regardless of point of origin.

The theme for the Poster Contest rotates annually based on whether the school year ends in an even number or an odd number.

For academic years ending in even numbers, the theme shall be "Revolutionary War Events."

For academic years ending in odd numbers, the theme shall be "Revolutionary War People."

The National Americanism Committee highly suggests that each state society chose a specific topic within the confines of each above stated topic for ease of judging on the chapter and state levels.

RULES AND GUIDELINES: *(the word "student" is used to describe the person entering the contest)*

- All posters must be two dimensional. No three dimensional entries will be allowed or accepted.
- Posters may be submitted either on traditional poster board or thicker display board. The maximum size of the poster board is 24 inches by 36 inches.
- Computer aided graphics designed material may be used on the posters. However, this material must be of original design. No commercially produced or printed material such as clip art will be allowed. Use of trademarked or copyrighted material will be grounds for disqualification.
- Each local school winner will compete at the chapter level. Each chapter winner will compete on the state society level. Each state society winner will compete on the national level.
- Only one (1) entry from each State Society will be accepted.
- A completed entry form must be emailed to the NSSAR Americanism Committee Chairman with a copy to the NSSAR Education Director no later than June 1st.
- **State Society winning posters must be delivered to the Headquarters Office at the Annual Congress no later than 9:30 am on the Sunday prior to the Youth Awards Luncheon.** Delivery may be by mailing the entry to the National Headquarters no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Congress, by mailing the Annual Congress Hotel no later than one (1) week prior to the Annual Congress with the phrase "Attn: NSSAR Education Director" or by hand delivery at the Annual Congress.
- All posters will have a copy of the entry form affixed to the back of the poster. This entry form copy will not be considered the official entry form but will only be used to identify the poster for judging and retrieval purposes. The student's address must be redacted on the affixed copy of the entry form.
- Judging will be conducted by the members of the NSSAR Americanism Committee present at the annual Congress who are in attendance at the committee meeting.
- **All posters will be judged by the following criteria:**
 - **Does the poster express the annual theme?**
 - **Does the poster show originality by the student?**
 - **Does the poster show evidence of research?**
 - **Does the poster show artistic merit and creativity?**
 - **Does the poster accurately reflect the historical event?**
 - **Is the poster neat and visually pleasing?**
- Chapters and State Societies may present cash and other awards on their respective levels. The NSSAR **will not** reimburse a local chapter or state society for any expenses incurred in awarding prizes or conducting a contest.
- National contest winners will be announced at the annual Youth Awards Luncheon during Congress. The awards will be presented to a representative of the sponsoring State Society for later presentation to the winning student.
- All posters will be displayed at the National Congress following the judging. The top three (3) posters will be displayed at the NSSAR National Headquarters for one (1) year following the Annual Congress. All other posters must be picked up by a State Society representative before the conclusion of the Annual Congress. The three winning posters will be returned to the respective State Societies at the conclusion of the year.

National Americanism Poster Contest Prizes

Winner:	First Place Blue Rosette Ribbon \$150.00 Cash Prize, Certificate
1st Runner-up:	Second Place Red Rosette Ribbon \$100.00 Cash Prize, Certificate
2nd Runner-up:	Third Place White Rosette Ribbon \$50.00 Cash Prize, Certificate

* A Corresponding Certificate is presented to the Chapter's Americanism Chairman for his outstanding efforts and is also presented at the Youth Awards Luncheon.

* Each participating State Society will receive a streamer in recognition of providing an entry.

Please provide all required contact information for the teacher/leader, chapter and state Americanism Committee chairman. If needed, this contact information will be used to get details on the winning student in order to make an appropriate announcement at the Youth Awards Luncheon.

Poster Contest Judging Procedure:

- School/Organization Level Chapter Americanism Committee
- Chapter Level Chapter Americanism Committee or Chapter members
- State Level State Americanism Committee or State Society members
- National Level NSSAR Americanism Committee Members

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When you place your mouse over most of the "text" data entry fields below, a feature called a "**tooltip**" will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field. Please read the "Guidelines" before completing this form.

"Tooltips" provide important instructions – Please read them carefully.

Chapter Information:

Sponsoring Chapter:

Chapter President:

Chapter President's Email:

Chapter Americanism Chairman:

Chapter Chairman's Email:

Chapter Chairman's Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Number of Posters Judged by the Chapter:

Society Information:

State Society Name:

State President:

State President's Email:

State Americanism Chairman:

State Chairman's Email:

State Chairman's Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Number of Chapters Competing in the Poster Contest:

Name of Person Responsible for Delivering the Poster to Congress and Retrieving the Poster after Congress:

Compatriot's Name:

Cell Number:

Email:

Student Information:

Name:

Age:

Grade:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Organizational Information:

School or Scout Organization:

of Students/Scouts:

Teacher / Scout Leader Name:

Teacher / Leader's Email:

School / Organization Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Number of Posters Competing at winning Organization:

*****A copy of this form must be emailed to both the Americanism Committee Chairman and National Executive Director by the stated deadline. A copy of this form must be affixed to the back of the poster when delivered for judging at the Congress.*****