

## What Is The SAR?

SAR - Sons of the American Revolution - is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c) 3, corporation, established in 1889 and chartered by the US Congress in 1906, 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.

SAR perpetuates 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.

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## Who Can Join?

The SAR is a service and "lineage" society. Each member has traced their family tree back to an ancestor who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783. Males are eligible to apply for membership at birth.

## Do You Have a Patriot Ancestor?

If you already know that you have such an ancestor, then you may want to continue on to SAR's "Why We Join" web page or go straight to "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. Research your family tree. Many people who never set foot in the United States supported American colonists in their 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.

In Texas, find the chapter nearest you -  
<https://TexasSAR.org/map.htm>  
For chapter contacts -  
<https://TexasSAR.org/chapters.htm>

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# Texas SAR Youth Awards



Oration 2013 TX won National



JROTC 2012 TX won National

Poster  
2023  
National  
1st



### Essay Contest - Grades 9-12

The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is an original essay, 800 to 1,200 words, based upon original research, dealing with a topic that shaped American history - an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Cash award.  
<https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>  
<https://TexasSAR.org/essay.htm>



### Oration Contest - Grades 9-12

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration contest is an original five- to six-minute speech (and accompanying manuscript) dealing with an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War, showing the relationship to America today. The Orations Contest has the endorsement and approval of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Cash award.  
<https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest/>  
<http://TexasSAR.org/oration.htm>



### The Joseph Plumb Martin Video Contest

Local and State Level Only - Grades 9-12  
A video presentation five to ten minutes in length will be developed by a high school student. The subject of entry should focus on an event, personality, document, or topic pertaining to the American Revolution. Emphasis on 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Revolution. The style, approach, and perspective are not limited. The entry form may be documentary, dramatization, interview, advertisement, etc. Creativity is encouraged.



<https://TexasSAR.org/video.htm>

### Eagle Scout Program - Before Age 19

The Arthur M. and Berdena King application consists of a two-page form, four-generation ancestry chart, and a 500 word patriotic theme. Eagle Scouts who are registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application (calendar year 01 Jan to 31 Dec) may apply. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the scholarship.  
<https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/>  
<https://TexasSAR.org/eagle.htm>



### Americanism Poster Contest - Grades 3-5

Theme is "Revolutionary War Events" in school years ending in an even number or "Revolutionary War Persons" in years ending in an odd number. Students in grades 3, 4 or 5, depending on when the American Revolution is taught in their school system - public, private, parochial, charter and home schooled students may enter. Also open to members of the C.A.R., Cub Scouts and Brownies who are in the same grades if their school does not participate. Judging is based upon portrayal of the theme, originality, evidence of research, neatness, artistic merit and creativity.  
<https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/>  
<https://TexasSAR.org/poster.htm>



### Brochure Contest - Grades 6-9

The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School contest is to create a tri-fold brochure on a typical 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper. Theme is "The Founding Documents of the United States." Contest is open to middle school students, depending on when the American Revolution or Government is taught in their school system (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 grades if their school does not participate. Judging is based upon content, creativity and correctness.  
<https://www.sar.org/sgt-moses-adams-memorial-middle-school-brochure-contest/>  
<https://TexasSAR.org/brochure.htm>



### Children of the American Revolution Essay Contest - Grades 10-12 and College Freshman

Texas SAR awards scholarships to five Texas C.A.R. members, in good standing for two years, based upon application form, essay, school transcript, parent's permission, and letters of support.  
<https://TexasSAR.org/pdf/SARCAREssay2017.pdf>



### Texas SAR Cohen 4-H Award - Grades 9-12

The Dr. Robert S. Cohen and Dr. Jane Watkins Cohen Award is for the first place 4-H Roundup Public Speaking contest winner. Cash award or a scholarship from Texas SAR.  
<https://TexasSAR.org/4H.htm>



### American History Teacher Award

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award recognizes a teacher of grades 5-12 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. Winners of elementary, middle and high school levels will be able to choose a trip to one of the several 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.  
<https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/>  
<https://TexasSAR.org/ahta.htm>



### Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award - Grade 11

The JROTC Unit's Senior Military Instructor selects cadet with leadership qualities, military bearing, merit in patriotism, scholarship, citizenship, and general excellence, fostering the principle of "citizen-soldier". Cadet must submit an original essay on a topic designated by SAR.  
<https://www.sar.org/rotc-jrotc-recognition-program-3/>  
<https://TexasSAR.org/jrotc.htm>



**To Enter - Independence Chapter Deadlines:** Grades 3-5 Poster Feb 7; Grades 6-9 Brochure Feb 7; Grades 9-12 High School Essay, Oration, Cadet, Scout, Video, CAR, Teacher Jan 10. For information and to apply for any of these awards, please go to the websites listed. National contests are at SAR Congress each summer.

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