

School Year 2017-2018

Sons of the American Revolution Georgia Society Elementary School Poster Contest

The purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Annual Poster Contest is to stimulate interest in the history of the Revolutionary War at the grade level when this period of American History is usually taught in the Georgia public school system.

This is a National contest which begins at the Chapter level, with each SAR chapter judging posters from schools in its area to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each school. Each Chapter then determines an overall Chapter winner to submit to the Georgia Society (GASSAR), which determines 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners at the state level. Each State then submits its 1st place winner to be judged at the NSSAR Annual National Congress, where 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. National winners are determined.

The guidelines for the Poster Contest are set by the NSSAR, but the specific topics are determined at the state level by the GASSAR Education Committee. Consistent with the stated permanent themes of the SAR for this contest, **"Revolutionary War Events" in school years ending in an even number will be the general topic. The specific options for topic selection for the GASSAR poster contest will be:**

**Lexington and Concord
OR
Valley Forge**

Who may enter the Contest? Students who are in the third or fourth grade at a public or private school, or at the equivalent level of Home Schooling may participate.

Rules:

- A **minimum of 12 posters per school** must be submitted for cash prizes to be awarded to winners at the school
- Use a standard poster board size of 22 inches by 28 inches.
- Any media of drawing material may be used. Unpublished material (not commercially printed) may be used. Three dimensional posters will not be accepted.
- The subject conforms to the announced topic. It must show evidence of research. The student may include a brief explanation on the poster concerning any symbols used.
- Group posters are not allowed. Each poster must be the work of an individual student.
- All entries must have the following information taped to the back of the poster: Name, Address, Home Phone Number, Age, Grade, Name of teacher, Name of School, Address of school.

TIPS for a Good Poster:

- Display the name of the Topic prominently on the poster.
- Include some limited text to reflect facts and figures to evidence research on the subject. Posters with "boxed" text tend to present a better appearance than those with no text and those with randomly scattered text.
- Very basic Internet research often reveals major myths of history to avoid on a given subject.
- While the American flag is a very proud patriotic symbol, avoid using modern versions of it on the poster and use the correct historical flag for the time period if a flag is used.
- Limiting the text to a few bulleted items can decrease the opportunity for grammar and spelling errors. Limited pasting of computer-generated text is permitted.
- Spell out the names. Don't use postal abbreviations, such as NY for New York.
- Art work giving the appearance that it was obviously not done by the student may be downgraded by the judges. Neatly done original artwork tends to judge better than computer generated illustrations.

Judging Criteria:

- Does the poster express the annual topic/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 reflect historical accuracy?
- Is the poster neat? Creative use of a computer can improve the overall appearance and neatness of the poster.

Important Dates:

By week of March 12, 2018 -Judging by Piedmont Chapter of posters at each school

By April 28, 2018 -Judging by Georgia Society of chapter winners

NSSAR Congress (July, 2018) -Judging of National winners

The recognition of Chapter and State winners will be at the respective school(s) in a timely manner before the end of the school year.

Poster Contest Prizes are:

1st	Chapter Varies	GA \$100	NSSAR \$ 200
2nd	Chapter Varies	GA \$ 75	NSSAR \$ 150
3rd	Chapter Varies	GA \$ 50	NSSAR \$ 100
4th		GA \$ 30	
5th		GA \$ 25	

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