



Washington State Society Sons of the American Revolution

YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST RULES

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The goal of the Washington Society Youth Video Contest is to promote education, research, and creative expression regarding the American Revolution.

- Contestants will submit a video presentation **three to five minutes** in length.
- This contest is open to all high school students (9th through 12th grades) attending home schools, public schools, parochial schools, or private high schools.
- Entries may be submitted in the following formats:
 - MP4
 - MOV
 - WMV
 - AVI
- Entries must contain **ORIGINAL** content. Content must be based on scholarly research of the presented topic. Content may not violate copyright laws.
- The subject of the entry 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, etc. **Creativity is encouraged.**
- While some creative license is permitted, historical accuracy is essential. For example, a conversation that never occurred may be acceptable, but it must adhere to currently known historical facts.
- A minimum of three research citations are required. All references should be cited in the end credits and on the application form. Citations must be provided for any non-original content: photos, paintings, audio recordings, etc. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- All entries are judged blind to the identity and home location of the contestant.
- Entries may be submitted by a **single contestant** or by a **group**. Any group project will be considered a single entry and only one award and cash prize (if any) will be presented per entry.

- Contestants must submit two versions of their entry. One version should contain full titles, end credits, and the name of the creator(s)/contestant(s). The second version may also contain full titles and end credits, but all references to the creator(s)/contestant(s) must be absent. End title credit for the contestant(s) for additional contributions (e.g. as an actor) may be included provided it does not obviously indicate the identity of the individual(s) as a contestant(s).
- Contestants understand and agree their entry video may be shown at SAR meetings or other events. It may also be posted on various websites and available for public view. Therefore, contestants must read, understand, and sign the Youth Programs Release Form. In addition, **ALL INDIVIDUALS appearing in the video** entry must also sign and submit the Youth Programs Release Form. A parent/guardian **MUST SIGN** if the individual is a minor.
- Contest awards (may be accepted as scholarship):
 - First place: \$1,000
 - Second place: \$500
 - Third place: \$250
- Video entries are submitted to one of the ten Washington Society SAR Chapters. The First Place winner from each Chapter will be submitted to the State level for judging. Chapter level judging and prizes, if any, are at the discretion of the Chapter. The judges may award some, all, or none of the place prizes at their discretion.
- The contest calendar will generally correspond to the school calendar. New projects and submissions will be accepted after **1 September**. The deadline for submission of entries and all documents at the Chapter level shall be **1 February**. Final judging at the Chapter and submission of winners to the State will be completed by **1 March**. Final State level judging and selection of winners must be completed by **15 March**.
- The Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and is prohibited from endorsing or promoting any political party, candidate, or position. Therefore, all contest entries must likewise refrain from including any political content.