



# Washington SAR

## Youth & Teacher Contests and Scholarships Guide

### 2023-2024 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.

Now in its second year, the Washington Society is proud to continue 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



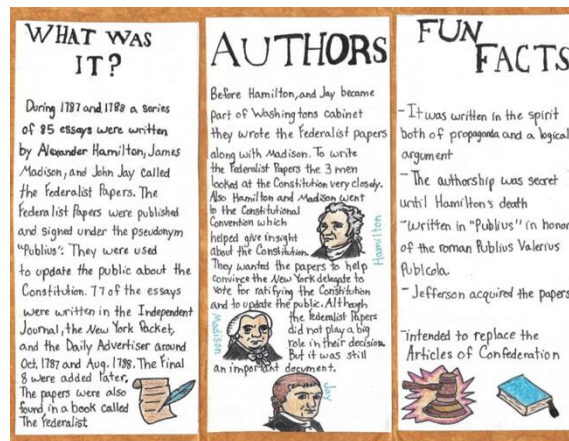
First Place Winner 2022

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.

<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/poster-contest/>

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.



<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/brochure-contest/>

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.



<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/essay-contest/>

- b. ***Youth Video Contest***—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 250<sup>th</sup> 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.



<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/video-contest/>

- c. ***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.



<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/oration-contest/>

- d. ***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.

<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/rotc-jrotc/>

- e. ***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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/eagle-scout/>



## 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.**

This year, our National SAR Society selects one history teacher each from the 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 SAR 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.

The **Washington SAR** will also select our own overall ***History Teacher of The Year*** from among the candidates submitted by our Chapters. While all the middle school and high school level applications submitted by Chapters are forwarded to the State, 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 WA SAR Teacher of The Year Chairman, Jeffrey Lightburn, (also noted in this brochure).

<https://washingtonsar.org/youth-programs/history-teacher-award/>

## Monetary Award Summary:

Award	National SAR				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Joseph Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest *	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$500
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
SGT Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest	Award Package valued up to \$5000				
Award	Washington SAR				
	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 Rumbaugh Oration contest also awards \$500 for sixth place and \$200 for all other state entries. \*\* The Youth Video Contest 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. \*\*\* The Eagle Scout Contest also awards \$500 for 6<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> and \$200 for 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> places.



## Youth Program Committee Chairs and other important information:

Program	Chairman & Contact Info	Deadlines
<b>Rumbaugh Oration</b>	<b>Fred Templin</b> (425-831-1118)	Chapter Competition, deadline March 1 <sup>st</sup>
	<a href="mailto:fltemplin@gmail.com">fltemplin@gmail.com</a>	Chapter entry to state deadline, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Knight Essay</b>	<b>Fred Templin</b> (425-831-1118)	Chapter Competition deadline, December 31 <sup>st</sup>
	<a href="mailto:fltemplin@gmail.com">fltemplin@gmail.com</a>	Chapter entry to state deadline, January 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Poster &amp; Brochure</b>	<b>Allen Furlow</b> (406-871-4084)	Chapter Competition, February 28
	<a href="mailto:allenfurlow@yahoo.com">allenfurlow@yahoo.com</a>	State Competition, April 29
<b>Video Contest</b>	<b>Keith Weissinger</b> (253-224-4108)	Chapter Competition, February 1
	<a href="mailto:kweiss47@comcast.net">kweiss47@comcast.net</a>	State Competition, March 1
<b>Eagle Scout Essay</b>	<b>Gregory Emerson</b> (425-919-7616)	Chapter Competition, December 31
	<a href="mailto:emersongregoryd@gmail.com">emersongregoryd@gmail.com</a>	State Competition, January 30
<b>JROTC Essay</b>	<b>Conrad Plyler</b> (360-769-5910)	Chapter Competition, February 1
	<a href="mailto:grayman@wavecable.com">grayman@wavecable.com</a>	State Competition, April 1
<b>Teachers Of Year</b>	<b>Jeffrey Lightburn</b> (949-735-9886)	Chapter Submittals: December 23 deadline
	<a href="mailto:jclightburn@gmail.com">jclightburn@gmail.com</a>	

Your Program Chairs can provide you with detailed information on each of the programs. Information is also viewable on both our Washington SAR website ([washingtonsar.org](http://washingtonsar.org)) or National website ([sar.org](http://sar.org))

# Washington Society Chapters

Chapters	President & Contact Info	Meeting
<b>Alexander Hamilton</b>	<b>John Herr (253-302-9527)</b>	Tower Entertainment, 6323 6th Ave., Tacoma
	<a href="mailto:jher11@hotmail.com">jher11@hotmail.com</a>	3rd Saturday, except Jul, Aug -- 9 am
<b>Cascade Centennial</b>	<b>Richard Paul (425-373-6542)</b>	Enzo's Restaurant, Issaquah, WA
	<a href="mailto:dickpaulinc@comcast.net">dickpaulinc@comcast.net</a>	1st Saturday, except Jul, Aug, Sep -- 11 am
<b>Fort Vancouver</b>	<b>Allen Furlow (406-871-4084)</b>	American Legion Post #14, 4607 NE St. James Rd, Vancouver
	<a href="mailto:allenfurlow@yahoo.com">allenfurlow@yahoo.com</a>	3rd Saturday, except Jul, Aug -- 9 am
<b>George Rogers Clark</b>	<b>Lewis Maudsley (360-264-2488)</b>	Location & Timing; TBA (Contact GRC President Dolan)
	<a href="mailto:lewmaudsley@comcast.net">lewmaudsley@comcast.net</a>	Olympia area
<b>George Washington</b>	<b>Mike Hutchins (509-879-6889)</b>	Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 Laconner Witney Rd, Mt. Vernon
	<a href="mailto:tacducks@gmail.com">tacducks@gmail.com</a>	3rd Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 10 am
<b>John Paul Jones</b>	<b>Perry Taylor (408-841-6207)</b>	DAV #5, 4980 Auto Center WAY, Bremerton
	<a href="mailto:ptaylor350@aol.com">ptaylor350@aol.com</a>	4th Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 9 am
<b>Mid-Columbia</b>	<b>Richard Roddy (509-943-2291)</b>	Round Table Pizza, 1769 Leslie Rd., Richland
	<a href="mailto:r_rodny@hotmail.com">r_rodny@hotmail.com</a>	3rd Saturday, except Jul, Aug -- 11:30 am
<b>Ranger</b>	<b>Timothy Doughty</b>	Harbour Pointe Golf Club, 11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Seattle
	<a href="mailto:touche4x4@msn.com">touche4x4@msn.com</a>	3rd Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 9 am
<b>Seattle</b>	<b>Timothy Zenk (206-226-2417)</b>	Aurora Boralis, 16708 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline
	<a href="mailto:tim@moleculeteam.com">tim@moleculeteam.com</a>	2nd Saturday, except Jun, Jul, Aug -- 9 am
<b>Spokane #1</b>	<b>Carl Durkoop (509-534-0579)</b>	Illinois Ave. Bar & Grill, 1403 E. Illinois Ave., Spokane
	<a href="mailto:cdurkoop@valbridge.com">cdurkoop@valbridge.com</a>	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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## SAR Mission Statement

The SAR honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

