



OHIO SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest 2016 - 2017



The Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution (OHSSAR) is pleased to introduce the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest, which was developed by our parent organization, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), in 2002.

PURPOSE

The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest competition is intended to stimulate interest in American History in support of the elementary school curriculum, which is when the American Revolution is taught. This contest is endorsed by the National Art Education Association (NAEA).

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is open to public; private; ecumenical; and home-schooled students in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades, depending on when the American Revolution is taught. Entries from lower grades, home schooled children or other organizations may be accepted based on the age equivalency of the student to the state grade levels or proof that the American Revolution was taught at the lower grade level. It is also open to members of the Children of the American Revolution; Boy Scouts of America - Cub Scouts; and Girl Scouts of America - Brownies, as long as they are of equivalent age/grade, and their local school is not participating.

RULES

All poster entries must be two dimensional; no three dimensional entries will be accepted. Posters may be submitted either on traditional poster board or thicker display board. The maximum size of the poster board is 24" x 36". 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 poster must be the work of an individual; no group work on a single poster is permissible.

THEME

For academic years ending in even numbers, the theme will be *Revolutionary War Events*; and for those ending in odd numbers, the theme shall be *Revolutionary War Persons*. For the 2016 - 2017 academic year, the theme is **REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERSONS**.

COMPETITION

A school's or organization's first-place winner will initially compete at the OHSSAR chapter level. The chapters' first-place winners will compete at the OHSSAR state level. The OHSSAR state first-place winner will compete at the NSSAR national level.

ENTRIES

No direct submissions from individuals will be accepted. In the event that a local school is participating, then entries must be channeled through the school to the sponsoring OHSSAR chapter. No contests independent of a participating school may occur. There may be only one entry per school or organization. A completed entry form must be attached to the back of the poster; and no information concerning the student or organization is permitted on the front of the poster.

JUDGING

Judging shall be based upon the following criteria: expression of the theme; originality; artistic merit and creativity; accurate reflection of the historical event or person; evidence of research; neatness; visually pleasing. Judging at the state level will be conducted at the OHSSAR Annual State Conference; and at the national level will be at the NSSAR Annual Congress.

AWARDS

Awards at the chapter level vary. Winners at the state level receive certificates and cash awards in the amounts of: 1st Place - \$100; 2nd Place - \$75; 3rd Place - \$50. Winners at the national level receive awards and prizes as follows: 1st Place - \$150 + blue rosette ribbon + certificate; 2nd Place - \$100 + red rosette ribbon + certificate; 3rd Place - \$50 + white rosette ribbon + certificate. Additionally, the top three winning posters at the national level will be displayed at the NSSAR National Headquarters for one year following the Annual Congress.

DEADLINES

Individual OHSSAR chapters set their own deadlines, however their winners must be submitted to the OHSSAR state competition chairman no later than April 15th of each year.

INFORMATION

For more information, chapter locations, deadlines, or themes, contact the OHSSAR Americanism Poster Contest Committee Chairman Robert W. Davis at (614) 837-3580 or at dennison1861@att.net.