

Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest

Sons of the American Revolution



ELIGIBILITY

Open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 January to 31 December.) The year that the Eagle rank was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the award. And you may apply in more than one year if you meet the age requirements. (NOTE: a maximum of \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout).

PRIZES

Three cash awards are given at the National SAR level:

- National First Place Winner - \$10,000
- Runner-up - \$6,000
- 2nd Runner-up - \$4,000

Prizes and recognitions may also be awarded at the State and Chapter levels. For the Ohio Society, the cash awards are:

- 1st Place - \$300 and a Bronze desk top Eagle statue
- 2nd Place - \$200
- 3rd Place - \$100

Each Chapter will have it's own cash awards.

Application Process

The competition is conducted in three phases, local (Chapter), State (Society), and National. The competition is usually entered through the Chapter level. Entrants need complete only one application - the one for the Chapter competition.

In some cases, the competition may be entered at the State level. However, you may not enter directly at the National level.

The application consists of three parts:

- Eagle Scout Contest Application Form (attached)
- Four Generation Ancestor Chart (attached)
- 500 word Patriotic-Themed Essay

Applications must be delivered to the Chapter Chairman no later than December 31st!

Application Form

Attached

The **Youth Awards Programs Application Form** must be filled out using a computer. You should save this form to your computer.

The applicant will fill in the top seven lines. Lines eight to 14 will be completed by the local SAR chapter, and the remaining lines are already filled in.

Next click on the red arrow at the bottom of the form next to "Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award"

Application Form

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You should be on page four with information specific to the Eagle Scout Award.

Read through the information and using your computer, fill in the information on pages four through six.

Page seven has a link to the Four-Generation Ancestor Chart. Instead, for ease of use, that form is attached.

Page one of the form has information on the Essay and page two has the Four-Generation Ancestor Chart.

(NOTE: Disregard other sections of the Youth Awards Programs Application Form)

Essay / Theme

The Patriotic Theme should be approximately five-hundred words or fewer. Here are suggestions you may consider for your theme:

- Signer of Declaration of Independence
- Military or naval service
- Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774
- Service from April 19, 1775 to November 26, 1783
- Civil service under the Colonies from April 19, 1775 to November 26, 1783, inclusive.
- Patriotic service by men or women during the Revolutionary period including member of committees made necessary by the war, such as:
 - Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety
 - Committee to care for soldiers' families
 - including Committees from six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant which furthered the cause of the Colonies.
- Any pledge to support the cause of the Colonies, such as signing the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance, Articles of Association, or the Association Test.
- Members of all Continental Congresses.
- Individuals furnishing a substitute for military service.
- Signers of Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775; Albemarle, Virginia Declaration; and similar declarations.
- Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments.
- Persons accepting obligations or acting under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc.
- Members of Boston Tea Party; Kaskaskia Campaign; Galvez Expedition; Cherokee Expedition; Edenton Tea Party.
- Physician, Surgeon, nurse or others rendering aid to the wounded and ministers known to be in sympathy with the Colonies, either by sermon, speech or action.
- Defenders of forts and frontiers; Rangers.
- Prisoners of war, including those on British ship "Old Jersey" and other prison ships.
- Individual(s) rendering material aid, such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration; lending money to the colonies, munitions makers and gunsmiths; or anything which furthered the Cause.
- A battle or campaign during the Revolution, such as Valley Forge
- Some interesting episode in the life of an ancestor.

Essay / Theme

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- Please include original themed essay on separate pages and attach it to the Application Form.
- The applicant should list the total number of words at the bottom of each page. Please note that the words “a” and “the” do not count towards the 500-word maximum.
- Please put the applicant’s name at top of each supplemental page.
- A bibliography is required, but not included in the final word count.
- The applicant must show references for any quotations used and historical facts cited.

FOUR GENERATION CHART

As with the Application Form, the Chart must be filled out using a computer. You should save it to your computer.

Starting with yourself (1) add your parents (2-3), their parents (4-7), and your great grandparents (8-15). This could be an extended project, so allow enough time to complete it. Use whatever resources you have such as family records, military records, school records, on-line sources, etc. The series book for the Genealogy Merit Badge will provide additional help.

SUBMITTAL

Print the Application Form, obtain required signatures on the top of page five:

- 1) Eagle Scout applicant’s signature
- 2) Parent/Guardian signature
- 3) Unit Leader’s signature

Print your essay/theme

Print the Four Generation Ancestor Chart

Remember that the Contest Application package, including Application Form, Four Generation Ancestor Chart and Essay is limited to eleven (11) pages total.

Then mail the three documents to your local SAR Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman or, if no local Chapter, to the State Society Eagle Scout Chairman. **Applications should be delivered at the Chapter level no later than December 31st.**

The Chapter Chairman needs to deliver the application materials to the State Chairman no later than the **3rd Friday of the following January**. For 2017 that would Friday, January 20.