



**OHIO SOCIETY**  
**SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
Americanism Elementary School  
Poster Contest



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**

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

### **WHO MAY PARTICIPATE**

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The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is open to public, private, ecumenical, and homeschooled children. The contest is for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. A 6<sup>th</sup>-grade student can be accepted, as long as they have not advanced to middle school. Other organizations may be accepted depending on when the American Revolution is taught. For example, members of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) may apply. And, as long as they are of equivalent age/grade and their local school is not participating, members of National Scouting organizations may apply. For further information on who may participate, contact the OHSSAR Chairman as shown at the end of this document.

### **RULES**

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All poster entries must be two dimensional; no three-dimensional entries will be accepted. Posters may be submitted either on traditional-weight poster board or thicker display board. The size of the poster board is to be 22x28-inches with a 20x30-inch foam backing. Computer-aided graphics may be used on the posters; however, this material must be of original design. Commercially-produced or printed material such as clip art will not be allowed. Use of trademarked or copyrighted material is also not allowed. Photos cut from books, magazines or other sources will be allowed. Each poster must be the work of an individual; no group work on a single poster is permissible.

### **ENTRIES**

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Only one entry per school or organization will be accepted. The school or organization will contact the sponsoring OHSSAR chapter to determine how to deliver its winning poster. All entries must come through the school/organization described previously (Who May Participate). Unless there are special considerations (i.e., homeschooling), no direct submissions from individuals will be accepted at the state or national level. If you have questions about this, contact the OHSSAR Chairman as shown below.

## **THEME**

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The theme alternates each year and is based on the end of the academic year. For academic years ending in:

- **even numbers**, the theme will be a **Revolutionary War Event**
- **odd numbers**, the theme will be a **Revolutionary War Person**.

The school or organization can decide on the specific subject, just follow the odd/even academic year theme.

## **COMPETITION**

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The process begins at the school level where a first-place winner is chosen. This first-place contestant advances to the local sponsoring SAR chapter for judging. The Chapter's first place winner then competes with other chapter entries at the OHSSAR's state meeting in May. The OHSSAR first place winner, chosen at this May meeting, competes at the National Society Annual Congress in the summer.

## **DEADLINES**

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Individual OHSSAR chapters set their own deadlines. Contact the OHSSAR Chairman as shown below to determine your local SAR Chapter contact. Note that the Chapter Chairman must submit the winners to the Ohio Society Poster Chairman no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

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Judging shall be based upon the following criteria: expression of the theme; originality; artistic merit and creativity; an accurate reflection of the historical event or person; evidence of research; neatness; visually pleasing.

## **AWARDS**

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Awards are as follow:

- Awards at the chapter-level vary and depend on the local Chapter.
- Winners at the OHSSAR level receive certificates and cash awards presented to first place, second place, and third place winners.
- Winners at the NSSAR level will receive certificates and cash awards. Additionally, the top three National Society winning posters will be displayed at the NSSAR National Headquarters in Louisville, KY for one year following the Annual Congress.

## **INFORMATION:**

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For further information, chapter locations, deadlines, or themes, contact Ohio Society SAR Poster Chairman Don Miller at (614) 266-0353 or at [gunnyusa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gunnyusa@sbcglobal.net)