

Sons of the American Revolution
Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest
Applicant Form

2020

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. The contest is open to all students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high school students in that same grade range. While the preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local level, students may eventually advance to the state or national levels, eventually held in June during the annual SAR Congress. Each student's five- to six-minute speech (and accompanying manuscript) will be judged based upon its composition, delivery, significance, and historical accuracy and relevance. The first place winner at the national level of the contest is expected to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon at the annual SAR Congress and may not compete in its future Rumbaugh Oration Contest competitions.

National Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest Prizes:

- 1st place: \$5,000 cash prize
- 2nd place: \$3,000 cash prize
- 3rd place: \$2,000 cash prize

The above winners also receive an Olympic-size medal.

- All other finalists: \$400
- All other national contestants: \$200

The winner of the society or district contests may receive expenses toward his or her trip to compete in the national contest. The society or district may give a cash award and/or an Olympic-size medal.

In entering this contest, the applicant and his or her oration coach understand that the oration must be an original composition, of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes in duration. The applicant and coach are aware that this oration, in the SAR chapter, state-level society, and national contest, must be given from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props. The applicant and coach understand that in composing this oration the subject shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War, showing the relationship it bears to America today. It is understood that the applicant can create the title of his or her oration. The applicant and coach agree that the interpretation of rules and decisions of the SAR and its judges shall govern without reservation. Judges' notes and collective contestant ranking are the property of the SAR and will not be provided to the contestants, but will be destroyed immediately after the contest.

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Signature of Applicant's Coach:	Date:

Applicant's Biographical Sketch

Please complete the following biographical sketch. Applicants may use additional pages as required to reply to the following prompts, with the applicant's name listed at the top of those pages. This biographical sketch and entry blank should be accompanied by a recent photo with the applicant's name as the file name (or

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written on the back) and a copy of the applicant's oration (with his or her name at the top of the page and as part of the file name).

The application is due on the date provided by the SAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman. Please confirm this deadline date with the appropriate SAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman before proceeding. Deadline date: _____

Applicant's Father/Guardian's Name:	Occupation:
Applicant's Mother/Guardian's Name:	Occupation:

Applicant's Siblings' Names:	Ages:
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Please list and describe your academic and extracurricular involvement and activities:
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Please list and describe your community involvement and activities:

Please list and describe your future plans for college, continued education, or professional development:

Please email or mail a copy of this completed application form together with a copy of all other required documents including a copy of the applicant's oration manuscript and the applicant's photograph to the SAR Chapter Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman or, if no local Chapter, to the Society Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman. The appropriate Rumbaugh Oration Contest Chairman will notify you of the dates of the chapter and state-level society contests.