

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Instructions

The following is a synopsis of the Rules and Guidelines that are pertinent to the teachers and students participating in the contest conducted by the Delaware Crossing Chapter of the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution. Complete Instructions and Guidelines can be viewed at the following online link.

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/50/5cs4yI4FColg.pdf>

RULES AND GUIDELINES – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

The National Society SAR developed the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest to help stimulate interest in and aid the study of American History in the 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade Curriculum (depending on the grade the subject is taught). This Contest also includes; Cub Scouts, Brownies, Children of the American Revolution and other youth organizations recognized by the NSSAR Americanism Committee in addition to public, private, parochial, or home schools.

Participants from organizations other than schools must be of equivalent age for 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, whichever year that they teach American History in the specific school district. If they teach American History in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition at the discretion of the NSSAR Americanism Committee. Judging of ALL entries will be on an equal basis regardless of point of origin.

The theme for the Poster Contest rotates annually based on whether the school year ends in an even number or an odd number.

For academic years ending in even numbers:

The theme shall be "Revolutionary War Event or Events". (E.g. 2019-20)

For academic years ending in odd numbers:

The theme shall be "Revolutionary War Person or Persons". (E.g. 2018-19)

RULES AND GUIDELINES: *(we use the word "student" to describe the person entering the contest)*

- All posters must be two-dimensional. We will not accept or allow any three-dimensional entries.
- Submitted posters shall be on either traditional flexible poster board, 22 inches x 28 inches or foamed backed poster board, 20 inches x 30 inches.
- The students name cannot be on the front of the poster.
- Computer aided graphics designed material may be used on the posters. However, this material must be of original design and is limited to no more than fifty percent of the poster. We will not allow commercially produced or printed material such as clip art. Use of trademarked or copyrighted material will be grounds for disqualification.
- Each local school winner will compete at the chapter level. Each chapter winner will compete on the state society level. Each state society winner will compete on the national level.

• **All posters will be judged by the following criteria:**

- **Does the poster express the annual theme?**
- **Does the poster show originality by the student?**
- **Does the poster show evidence of research?**
- **Does the poster show artistic merit and creativity?**
- **Does the poster accurately reflect the historical event?**
- **Is the poster neat and visually pleasing?**