Caloosa Chapter SAR
Americanism Youth Contests
Academic Year 2026 – 2027

General Information – George S. and Stella M. Knight High School Essay Contest
(Open to 9th through 12th Grade Students)

The SAR Knight High School Essay Contest invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate by submitting an original 800 – to 1200 – word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.

General Rules:

This Contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private elementary schools, and also includes Cub Scouts, Brownies, Children of the American Revolution and other youth organizations recognized by the NSSAR Council of Youth Programs Committee. Participants from organizations other than schools must be of equivalent age for 3rd, 4th , 5th or 6th grade, whichever year(s) that they teach American History in the specific school district.

Judging of ALL entries will be on an equal basis regardless of point of origin. Each student's essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

The contest is conducted in three phases: local chapter, state-level society and national society. Only one entry per student is permitted per contest year. All entries are to be submitted to a local, Florida, Chapter near the residence of the student entering the contest.

Entry Deadline: **Firm deadline for submittal of application to the Caloosa Chapter Chair: November 30, 2026.**

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Cash Awards: At the Caloosa Chapter level: 1st Place: $500; 2nd Place: $250; 3rd Place: $100 [Additional awards are made at the State and National levels of competition.]

FLSSAR Contest: 1st Place Winner of Chapter Contest will be entered into the Florida Society SAR Essay Contest.

More Information: Additional information, application forms, and examples of prior year entries on each of the Youth Contests sponsored by the Chapter may be found:

1. on the Caloosa Chapter SAR website: https://caloosasar.org/ and at
2. the FLSSAR website: https://flssar.org/awards-medals/ and
3. specifically for the Knight Essay contest at the National SAR website: https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/