

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Elementary School Poster Contest Instructions Including Chapter and State Society Guidelines

DEADLINE FOR CALOOSA CHAPTER ENTRY: MARCH 31, 2027

RULES AND GUIDELINES – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

The National Society SAR developed the 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 Council of Youth Programs 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 Council of Youth Programs. 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. 2025-2026)

For academic years ending in odd numbers:

The theme shall be "Revolutionary War Person or Persons". (E.g. 2026-2027)

The CYP Committee recommends that states suggest the drawing of 250th Anniversary events that occur in the year of the overall theme of that year.

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- 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.
- The National Committee will only accept one (1) entry from each State Society.
- Each state society must email a completed entry form to the NSSAR CYP Committee Chairman with a copy to the NSSAR Education Director no later than June 1st.

- **Each State Society must deliver their winning poster to the Headquarters Office at the Annual Congress no later than 9:00 am on the Sunday prior to the Youth Awards Luncheon.** Delivery may be by mailing the entry to the National Headquarters no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Congress, to the national chairman (2) weeks prior to the Annual Congress or by hand delivery at the Annual Congress.
- All posters will have a copy of the entry form affixed to the back of the poster. The Committee will not consider the attached form as the official entry form. We will use the attached form to identify the poster for judging and retrieval purposes. The state society must redact the student's address on the affixed copy of the entry form.
- The NSSAR Council of Youth Programs Committee members will conduct judging of the posters at the Committee meeting held during the annual Congress.
- **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?**
- Chapters and State Societies may present cash and other awards on their respective levels. The NSSAR **will not** reimburse a local chapter or state society for any expenses incurred in awarding prizes or conducting a contest.
- The National Committee will announce the contest winners at the annual Youth Awards Luncheon during Congress. The Committee will present the awards to a representative of the sponsoring State Society for later presentation to the winning student.
- The Committee will display all posters at the National Congress following the judging. The Committee will display the top three (3) posters at the NSSAR National Headquarters for one (1) year following the Annual Congress. A State Society representative must pick up all other posters before the conclusion of the Annual Congress. The Committee will return the three winning posters to the respective State Societies at the conclusion of the year.

National Council of Youth Programs Poster Contest Prizes:

Winner:	First Place Blue Rosette Ribbon Cash Prize to be determined, Certificate
1st Runner-up:	Second Place Red Rosette Ribbon Cash Prize to be determined, Certificate
2nd Runner-up:	Third Place White Rosette Ribbon Cash Prize to be determined, Certificate

* The Committee will present a Corresponding Certificate to the Chapter's Chairman for his outstanding efforts. The Committee will present the Certificate at the Youth Awards Luncheon.

* Each participating State Society will receive a streamer in recognition of providing an entry.