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School Year 2023-2024

Elementary School Poster Contest Guidelines

The Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution (TNSSAR) announces the opening of the annual SAR Elementary School Poster Contest for TN Students for school year 2023 – 2024.

The word “student” is used to describe the person entering the contest. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students interested in the American Revolution are invited to participate in the SAR’s Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The contest is open to public & private schools, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution member and any student in that same grade range. Young artists with an enthusiasm toward art, a love of American history, or a passion in creative expression can submit their posters to their local SAR chapter for competition.

The Theme for school year 2023 to 2024 is “Revolutionary War Event”.

TNSSAR Rules and Key Dates

- All posters must be two-dimensional. **Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted.**
- Submitted posters will be **either** traditional flexible poster board of 22 inches x 28 inches or foamed backed poster board of 20 inches x 30 inches. **(Note commercial posters vary in size. If the size is close to the guidelines within a couple inches it is acceptable).**
- The students name must be on the **BACK** of the poster. **Only the art work can be on the front.**
- Students may use a computer to help generated original graphic aides that they have created (like something draw by them with a paint program) to be used on the poster. **HOWEVER, this material must be of original design and is limited to no more than fifty percent of the poster. Commercially produced or printed material such as clip**

art or trademarked or copyrighted material will be grounds for DISQUALIFICATION.

- Students competing from an organization will be judged by their teacher or adult advisor with that organization being allowed to submit three entries to the sponsoring chapter.
- Students competing individual not as part of an organization may submit their entry to the sponsoring chapter. Chapters with more than three students competing independent of a school or other organization will be administratively placed in an “independent” division for chapter consideration.
- COVID concerns. Submissions may be made by jpg file photo of the poster being entered. The photo should be taken with a yard stick next to the poster indicating its horizontal edge either top or bottom. The file should be named SAR Poster, Students Name and flexible or foamed for the type of poster. The file name will look like the following: SAR Poster, Cliff Kent, foamed
- Chapters may coordinate with the state webmaster for a poster competition page or section in their chapter’s area of the state website to post pictures of submissions and local chapter guidance. If a student’s name is to be displayed with their poster forward the TNSSAR participation permission form signed by the parents to the webmaster. Permission to participate form can be found on the state’s poster competition page.
- Chapters may open and receive submissions on receipt of these instructions, but must close their submissions by **midnight, 15 DEC 2023**.
- Chapters will determine their top three finalist and forward them to their District Director for consideration at the District Level.
- Chapters may establish their own prizes, but the TNSSAR’s program participation certificate should be the minimum award for those participating. All participants should receive a certificate. The TNSSAR Program Certificates for 2023-2024 can found on line at the State Competition page.
- TNSSAR Webmaster will open a District section to the webpage for each **District on 15 DEC 2022 to receive photos of chapter top three submissions.**
- **District submissions will close on 30 DEC 2022.** District Directors with two compatriots from their district will judge the entries from their chapters.
- District’s will select three finalists to compete at the State level. District finalist will be **forwarded to the State Chairmen not later than 15 JAN 2024**. Districts with the sponsoring chapters will make coordination to have their finalist posters physically on hand for display at the State’s Annual Conference in March of 2024. A poster not displayed for the Conferees will be considered disqualified.

- An on-line vote will be opened to all TNSSAR members a week prior to the Annual Conference and close the day prior to the Conference. In person voting will be conducted at the Conference.
- All posters on display at the Annual Conference must have a copy of the entry form affixed on the back of the poster.
- The District or Chapter will ensure that the student's address is redacted on the affixed entry form prior to it being displayed.
- The State conference attendees will cast the final votes to select the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners for the TNSSAR.
- The State chairmen will make coordination for the 1st Place entry to compete at the NSSAR Congress prior to 01 MAY 24 or sooner depending on instructions for mailing to National HQ.

Judging Guidelines

All posters will be judged by the following criteria:

- Is the annual theme and state specific topic expressed?
- Does the student demonstrate originality?
- Is there clear evidence of research?
- Does the student show artistic merit and creativity?
- Is the historical event accurately reflected in the poster?
- Is the post neat and visually pleasing?

TNSSAR Prizes

Note: Chapter's that elect to create their own cash or other prize will not be reimbursed by TNSSAR.

TNSSAR Winner	\$100.00, SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate
First Runner-Up	\$ 50.00, SAR Good Citizenship Pin & Certificate
Second Runner-Up	\$ 25.00, SAR Good Citizenship Pin & Certificate