

Sons of the American Revolution

Youth Awards Programs

Applicant Form

Applicant Name:		
Applicant Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Telephone Number:	Email Address:	
Organization (School, Scouting, or Other Group):		Number of Members/Students/Scouts:
Organization Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Sponsoring SAR Chapter Information:		
Sponsoring SAR Chapter President Name:		
Sponsoring SAR Chapter President Email Address:		
Sponsoring SAR Chapter Chairman Name:		
Sponsoring SAR Chapter Chairman Email Address:		
Sponsoring SAR Chapter Chairman Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Sponsoring SAR Society Information:		
Sponsoring SAR Society President Name:		
Sponsoring SAR Society President Email Address:		
Sponsoring SAR Society Chairman Name:		
Sponsoring SAR Society Chairman Email Address:		
Sponsoring SAR Society Chairman Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

Please note that additional paper may be used as required to reply to the following prompts. Please put the applicant's name at top of each supplementary page and attach to this form.

Review the instructions and prompts regarding the American History Teacher Award contest and complete the form with all applicable details.

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The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the middle or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. While the preliminary rounds of the award program begin at the local level, teachers may eventually advance to the state or national levels, eventually held in June during the annual SAR Congress.

The American History Teacher Award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in the addressing the history of the American Revolution. The award winner will receive a professional educational opportunity at a national seminar and bring back to their classroom and students a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm for the American Revolutionary era.

Teacher candidates interested in entering the local SAR Chapter contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay of not less than 500 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolutionary era. The essay may also describe any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher to teach the American Revolution. The contest is aimed at identifying a teacher who is still actively teaching and who is in the early stages of his or her career, therefore having many years of productive classroom teaching remaining. It is recognized that school districts may have different job titles for teachers of American history, such as Social Studies teachers. The actual job title of the teacher is not important as long as the teacher has as their primary duty the teaching of American History. Teachers who teach music, JROTC, or other subjects as their primary subject are not eligible. The essay should also discuss why the teacher wants to attend the educational seminar and how the teacher would use what is learned at the seminar in the future.

Two signed letters of recommendation, one from the Supervisor and one from the Principal whose signature endorsing the applicant appears on the application, should also be among the application materials. These letters need to state why the applicant is an outstanding teacher of American history. In addition to the application and written essay, SAR requests the applicant submit a one-page biography highlighting their educational background and achievements. All application materials must be typed or printed on 8½" x 11" standard paper and submitted through the mail. No handwritten or copied material will be accepted. All original materials will remain the property of SAR.

The award is specifically for graduate programs in the American Revolution and not redeemable for its monetary value. If the award winner is unable to attend an educational seminar during the year the award is presented then the winner may attend in a subsequent year. The winner must attend a seminar within thirty six months after the award is announced or the award will be forfeited.

Completed applications shall be submitted to the local SAR chapter no later than December 15 of each year. Please confirm this date with the SAR Chapter Chairman of the American History Teacher Award, as the local chapter may adjust their deadline yearly.

All American History Teacher Award applicants must complete and include the following information and attach it with this form:

1.) An essay of a minimum of 500 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolution, and providing details of any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized to teach the American Revolution. The essay should also discuss why the applicant wants to attend the Freedoms Foundation, Colonial Williamsburg, Jefferson Seminar, or the SAR annual conference and how the teacher would use what is learned at this summer workshop in future classes.

2.) Curriculum vitae highlighting the applicant's educational and professional background. This should include any education related awards or recognition received. The applicant may also include any community or other organizations in which he and she is involved and any awards or recognition received from those organizations. This should be limited to activities in which the applicant has participated since he or she began his or her professional career.

3.) Include signed letters of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor and principal stating why the applicant is qualified for this award.

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- 4.) Applicants in this contest agree that the interpretation of the rules and the decision by the judges and of the SAR shall govern without exception.
- 5.) Applicants agree that they will submit a report of their workshop to SAR no later than September 12 of the year following their workshop discussing their experience and how they will utilize that in their classroom. The winning applicant also agrees they will make themselves available, if their schedule permits, to attend the next annual SAR Congress to report on their experience. It is understood that if SAR extends an invitation to the winner to attend that the winners travel and lodging expenses will be paid by SAR.
- 6.) This award is specifically for graduate programs in the American Revolution and not redeemable for its monetary value. If the award winner is unable to attend an educational seminar during the year the award is presented then the winner may attend in a subsequent year. The winner must attend a seminar within thirty six months after the award is announced or the award will be forfeited.
- 7.) Applicant will submit a photograph with their application, which will be used by the SAR to publicize the contest winner. The photograph will not be returned.
- 8.) A signed and dated "Release & Discharge of Responsibility Form" must be submitted with the application.
- 9.) All application materials shall be submitted either:
- Electronically in a PDF Format using a U.S. Letter (8½" x 11") trim size to insure the PDF files submitted will be acceptable for both print and electronic use. All other required documents including the essay, Curriculum vitae, and letters of recommendation can be scanned into PDF files and sent via email. The applicant's photograph can also attached using a JPEG or PDF file format.
 - Printed on 8½" x 11" standard paper and submitted by mail through the U.S. Postal Service, Fed Ex, UPS or equivalent delivery service.

Professional Information

How many years have you taught American history?
How many more years do you anticipate teaching American history?
Please list any higher education degrees attained (include institutions, year degree granted, and degree attained):
Do you have any special certifications?

Current Teaching Assignment

Present School Position:	Grade Level(s) Taught:	
School Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
School District:		

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Application Endorsement

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Signature of Supervisor:	Date:
Title of Supervisor:	
Signature of Principal:	Date:

Release & Discharge of Responsibility Form

I, have been nominated by the SAR for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award.

Should I be selected as the winner, I hereby release and discharge the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, its trustees, officers, other officials and Americanism selection committee members from any and all, whatsoever and howsoever arising, liability, damage, injury, and/or responsibility by reason of my participation in the program. Further, any liability, duty, responsibility, injury, and/ or damage arose or the cause, the winning applicant hereby does and has released, discharged and acquitted the National Society Sons of the American Revolution officers and members of and from any and all tort liability, contract liability, liability, or damages under the Deceptive Practices act.

The consideration for the "Release & Discharge of Liability" is said Society providing the opportunity to compete for an award.

I agree to provide my Social Security Number upon request.

I agree to physically sign this document upon request.

I agree that this "Release & Discharge of Liability" will cover and include liability under the same terms and conditions above stated for all aspects of this competition.

Signature of Applicant:		Date:
SAR Member Witness:		Date:
SAR National Number:	SAR Member Telephone Number:	SAR Member Email Address: