

POLICY ON GUIDELINES RELATING TO  
ORATIONS, POSTER, ESSAY AND BROCHURE CONTESTANTS

It is the responsibility of the state society to preclude any potential appearance of favoritism in any of the Youth Contests which the state society sponsors. This is especially true for those programs with are judged at the February Annual State Convention where monetary awards are involved. Any such appearance of favoritism has the potential to result in verbal and written criticism of the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution and damage the image of the organization

In order to assure impartiality in the determination of the Alabama State winner of the Youth Orations, Poster, Essay and Brochure contests at the Annual State Convention the following guidelines are established:

1. The identity of any contestant in any of these state wide contests should not be made known to any SAR member other than those in the sponsoring Chapter.
2. The name / picture of the winner of a chapter level contest in any of these programs will not be published in the State's Newsletter prior to the final selection of the overall state winners at the State Convention. At the same time, a picture and/or name of a local winner, will not be posted on the chapter's website, the ALSSAR Website, or the ALSSAR/chapter Face Book pages or other social media. The Chapter President is responsible for precluding any such submissions. The state newsletter Editor and Webmaster should also monitor items submitted for publication/posting on the various social media to help preclude any influence on potential judges (which normally include SAR members who are members of chapters not having a contestant in the particular contest).
3. The State Society and no Chapter or individual may publish, in any format, any essays presented for participation in al youth contests until after the contest ends and winners are announced at the National level. Should a State winner be a National winner, the essay may no be reproduced unless and until permission is granted by the National Society SAR.
4. At the Annual State Convention, participants in the Orations, Poster and Brochure contests should not attend any convention functions prior to the time that a determination has been made as to the winner of the particular contest. Likewise, the student should not be introduced as a contestant in a particular contest until after the contest winner has been announced. The Chapter President of a sponsoring chapter has the responsibility to inform both the contestant and membership of the sponsoring chapter as to this provision.

Violations of these guidelines by a sponsoring chapter's membership have the potential to result in the disqualification of a potential candidate based on the recommendations of the State President and Committee Chairman.

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