



**Daughters of the American Revolution  
2024-2025 Junior American Citizens Contest**



**THEME: Sailing with the Stars and Stripes to Celebrate the  
250th Birthday of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps**

**Guidelines and Requirements for the Submission of Entries**

1. The JAC Contest is open to all students in public, private, parochial, and sanctioned home schools in grades preschool through 12. However, preschool and kindergarten students may participate only in the banner and group community service project contests.

Participation is not limited to students in a JAC Club or a classroom. Youth groups such as Scout troops, C.A.R. societies, and service organizations – **as well as individuals** – may also participate in the contests.

2. The **ART CONTEST** includes five categories. (*See additional document for details on these categories.*)

1. poster
2. banner
3. stamp
4. photographic essay
5. digital art

- A winner will be selected in each grade level and category.
- Students compete as individuals only in poster, stamp, digital art, and photo essay; in the banner category only groups may enter, groups being defined as three to five students.
- Preschool and kindergarten students may compete in the banner category only.
- The artwork may be submitted using any form of drawing or painting.
- The artwork does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but would follow the theme.

3. The **CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST** includes three categories. *See additional document for details on these categories.*

1. poetry
2. short story
3. graphic novel/comic

- Students compete as individuals only. Group entries are not allowed.
- Preschool and kindergarten students may not compete in the Creative Expression Contest.
- The graphic novel/comic does not have to have the actual theme on the novel but should follow the theme.

4. The **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT** may be an individual or group entry for students in grades 1-12. Preschool and kindergarten students may compete as a group only. A group must be comprised of three (3) or more students. Groups may be mixed ages. See *additional handout for an explanation of this category*,

#### **JUDGING AND AWARDS:**

- Winning entries at the chapter level will be forwarded to the state for judging, state winners will be forwarded to the division for judging, and finally, division winners will be forwarded to the National Vice Chairman of Art, Creative Expression, or Community Service Project for national judging. Certificates will be presented to the winners at each level.
- At the national level, first, second, and third places and Honorable Mention certificates will be presented. Each first, second, and third place winner will receive an award medal as well for art and creative expression category. In the Community Service category only, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and Honorable Mention groups will be awarded a group certificate suitable for framing and a certificate for each participant—no medals.

#### **CONTEST DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- **By December 20** : All student entries are due to Fort Caspar Chapter. Contact our contest chair at [gs\\_mw\\_1303@yahoo.com](mailto:gs_mw_1303@yahoo.com) to arrange for delivery of entries. Please contact us several days before this deadline to ensure on-time arrival.
- By March 1: National chair announces winners. Certificates will be mailed in a timely manner.

Please provide the following information when submitting entries:

- Contest or group's full name (If group entry, list all names and info for each person)
- Address (for mailing winning certificates)
- Contest category
- Grade
- School



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