



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONTEST CATEGORIES

2025–2026 Theme:

**“Celebrating 250 Years of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness:
Happy Birthday, America! 1776–2026”**

ART CONTEST

- **Poster:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Design a poster using the theme. Original art work only, not from other sources. Minimum size: 8-1/2" x 11" Maximum size 22" x 28". Poster may be laminated or placed in a protective sleeve. May be submitted using any form of drawing or painting. NOTE: The poster does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.
- **Stamp Design:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Design a postal stamp using the theme. **Original art work only.** Exact size: 5" x 7" drawn in the center of an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper. The paper should be white because the vast majority of envelopes are white, thus the stamp design is viewed in the way it would actually be used. Stamp designs may be laminated or placed in a protective sleeve. May be submitted using any form of drawing or painting. NOTE: The stamp does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.
- **Photo Essay:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – The student will submit not more than 25 color photographs illustrating the theme. These photos must be the original photos **taken by the child.** The photos should be mounted with glue on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Brief captions may appear on each page. Include a title page. Remember, this is an ART contest, your pictures should tell the story.
- **Banner:** **Groups of three to five only, Pre-K through Grade 12.** All members of a group should be listed with their individual grades. Design an original banner using the theme. Size: Use a 1:3 ratio, to a maximum size of 16" x 48". Banners may be paper or fabric. If the banner has support rods, do not submit them. Objects attached to banners should be glued or sewn on securely. For the safety of the judges, do not use straight or safety pins. NOTE: The banner does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

- **Digital:** **Individual entry. Grades 1-12.** Design an original digital image using the theme. **Digital art must be original work** without the use of clip and/or stock art, logo, trademarks or otherwise display copyrighted content which does not belong to the participant. Maximum size of 8" x 10" (2400 x 3000 pixels–300 DPI). Digital art may be submitted hard copy or in JPG or PNG format and should not exceed 5MB. NOTE: The digital art does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST

- **Poem:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Write an original poem, any style, of 300 words or fewer using the theme. Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, either ruled or plain. Poems may be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection.
- **Short Story:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Write an original short story of 1,000 words or fewer using the theme. The story may be written from the first person or third person point of view.* Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, either ruled or plain. Short stories may be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection.
* While a short story may contain historical places and people, it is a work of fiction. It is not a report.
- **Graphic Novel/Comic:** **Individual entry.** Grades 1-12 – Design an original graphic novel/comic using the theme. Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper and may contain 6–10 squares per page. Maximum size of the novel should be no more than 5 pages. May be submitted using any form of drawing or painting. NOTE: The Graphic novel/comic does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

- **Community Service:** **Individual entry or group of three or more members Pre-K through Grade 12.** Groups may be mixed. All members of a group should be listed with their individual grades. Entries should consist of no more than 15 color photographs with a descriptive text of 500 words or fewer. Identify all photographs with captions. Photographs for this contest may include pictures of the children. NOTE: Students can enter the Community Service Conest (Individual or Group) as well as one entry into either an Art Contest or Creative Expression Contest.