

What is the SAR?

The *Sons of the American Revolution* was incorporated on January 17, 1890 in Connecticut, and later chartered by the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. Prior to this date, a number of state societies were formed in the 1890s. These societies were led by The Sons of Revolutionary Sires, organized July 4, 1876, in San Francisco. The first Congress of the National Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 30, 1890 – the 101st anniversary of George Washington taking the Oath of Office as President of the United States of America.

The purposes of the *Sons of the American Revolution* are Patriotic, Historical, and Educational including

- Perpetuating the memory of Revolutionary War Patriots.
- Promoting fellowship among their descendants.
- Inspiring the community with a reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers.
- Encouraging historical research of the American Revolution.
- Preserving the records of Revolutionary War Patriots.
- Marking the locations of the Revolution: its events and its soldiers.
- Celebrating anniversaries of the Revolution.
- Fostering true patriotism.
- Maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom.
- Carrying out the purposes of the Preamble of the Constitution.
- Following the injunctions of Washington's Farewell Address to the American people.

Can I be a Member?

Any male who is eighteen years of age or older who is a lineal descendant of an ancestor who supported the war for American Independence is eligible for membership in the *Sons of the American Revolution*.

These ancestors are referred to as Revolutionary War Patriots and include those persons who fought in the military and / or militia, who provided supplies to the American cause, who served in political bodies supporting the Revolution, who signed oaths of support, or any similar acts.

If you believe that you may be eligible for membership in the SAR, either ask the person from whom you received this pamphlet or contact the South Carolina Society at one of the addresses provided on the cover of this pamphlet.

For more information, please contact



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Youth Programs



The *South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution* sponsors a number of programs that educate and reward the youth of our state.

This pamphlet has been prepared to briefly explain these programs and provide contact points for more detailed information.

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Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

This contest is open to 4th or 5th graders, whichever year the American Revolution is taught. The theme for the poster is usually announced in May of each year.

Up to \$500.00 is awarded through this contest by the SC Society SAR. Information & guidelines can be found at the following website:

http://www.sar.org/youth/americanism_Poster_Contest

Deadline for Entry: April 1, 2010

Knight Essay Contest

This contest is open to all second through fourth year high school students in public, private, & home schools. Each contestant prepares a written essay on an event, person, ideal, or philosophy associated with the Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the US Constitution.

Up to \$500.00 is awarded through this contest by the SC Society SAR. Information & guidelines can be found at the following website:

http://www.sar.org/youth/Knight_Essay

Deadline for Entry: February 15, 2010

Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

This contest is open to all second through fourth year high school students in public, private, & home schools. Each contestant presents a speech, with a written manuscript, on an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolution showing a relationship to America today.

Up to \$500.00 is awarded through this contest by the SC Society SAR. Information & guidelines can be found at the following website:

http://www.sar.org/youth/Oration_Contest

Deadline for Entry: February 15, 2010

ROTC / JROTC

This program fosters the principle of the “citizen-soldier” exemplified by the Minutemen of the Revolution. The medal presented to a cadet or midshipman has been approved by each branch of the US Military.

The choice of the recipient of this medal is made by the instructor of each respective unit.

Up to \$500.00 is awarded through this contest by the SC Society SAR. Information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.sar.org/youth/ROTC-JROTC>

Deadline for Entry: March 1, 2010

Eagle Scout Scholarship

This scholarship contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and who have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. There is no restriction on when the Eagle was awarded.

The application consists of (1) a two page form, (2) a four-generation ancestor chart, and (3) a 500 word essay.

Up to \$500.00 is awarded through this contest by the SC Society SAR. Applications & other guidelines can be found at the following website:

http://www.sar.org/youth/Eagle_Scout

Deadline for Entry: December 31, 2009

SC Society SAR Scholarship

This \$1,000.00 one-time scholarship is open to any high school senior in an accredited public, private or home school in South Carolina.

The winner is chosen based on academic achievement and the demonstration of characteristics that best reflect the principles and beliefs of the SAR.

Guidelines and the application can be found at the following website:

http://www.scssar.org/PDF/Application_Form.doc

http://www.scssar.org/PDF/Recommendation_Form.doc

Deadline for Entry: February 28, 2010

Benjamin Franklin Reading Program

This program seeks to encourage students of all grades to read about the American Revolution and the Founding Fathers. Students receive a certificate for reading five (5) books about the American Revolution, the Founding Fathers, or other aspects of American Foundational History. A parent, guardian or teacher certifies that the student has read these books and returns the statement to the local chapter.

For information, certification form, and other details:

Request information and forms from SCSSAR by email:

<http://www.scssar.org/contact.php>

How do these programs work?

Each of the seventeen local chapters of the SC Society elects to sponsor any or all of the various programs listed in this pamphlet.

Local chapter winners compete in the respective State Society contests against other local chapter winners for the designation of State Winner.

State Society Winners then compete on the national level against other state winners. The winner of each respective national competition is announced at the National Congress that occurs in July of each year.

Each contest except the SC Society Scholarship and the Benjamin Franklin Reading Program offer additional monetary awards on the national level. The SC Society Scholarship is only judged at the state level.