

**TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (TEXAS SAR)
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (C.A.R.) SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY
CONTEST**

2015/2016

TOPIC: “THE WINTER at Valley Forge - December 1777-June 1778”

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- Purpose: Assist five (5) T.S.C.A.R. members with college expenses.
- Program: TEXAS SAR provides scholarships to five (5) T.S.C.A.R. members in good standing in the T.S.C.A.R. for 2 years. Scholarships are offered to defray costs for books, tuition, room, and board while attending an accredited college or university.
- Eligibility: Contestants must be enrolled in an accredited High School (or equivalent program, including Home School) as a sophomore, junior, or senior student; or enrolled in an accredited college or university as a freshman student. There is a **four-year window of eligibility** for T.S.C.A.R. members to compete in the TEXAS SAR Essay Contests. Essay contestants can submit applications and enter contests each year, as long as they meet eligibility criteria.
- Application: Eligible T.S.C.A.R. members are encouraged to complete the Essay Contest application found in the annually published T.S.C.A.R. Yearbook. The application, essay, school transcript, and letters of support must be submitted to the TEXAS SAR Chapter located near the applicants' T.S.C.A.R. Society. The application must be received no later than January 15th of each year. If mailed, it should be post marked no later than January 15th. **Note that the applicant's Social Security number must be provided if the essay is selected for a monetary award.**
- Process: Send completed applications to a local TEXAS SAR Chapter, Attention: C.A.R. Liaison Officer or Chapter President. The Sponsoring Chapter reviews it for content and grammar and selects the best essay of those received. One application per Chapter will be sent to the Chairman, TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Essay Contest for competition at the TEXAS SAR State level. It should postmarked no later than February 1st of each year.
- Awards: Funding for awards is determined by the TEXAS SAR Patriots Fund Projects Committee during the Annual TEXAS SAR State Convention in March of each year preceding the contest year. The awards for the Essay Contest are \$2,500, \$750, \$500, \$300, and \$150 respectively for first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place winners.

Take time to fill out the scholarship application. Deserving members of T.S.C.A.R. who participate in the contest have a unique opportunity to not only receive help in college expenses, but also have a purpose to participate to learn through their research about American Revolutionary history.

The 1st Place Winner will be invited to receive the C.A.R. Essay Contest Award during the Youth Contest Awards Luncheon held on Saturday during the TEXAS SAR State meeting following the C.A.R. Convention. The State Society will pay Travel Expenses (hotel, meals for winner and one adult guest, and mileage) in accordance with the Travel provisions shown on the TEXAS SAR web site.

Deadline for application is January 15, 2016 (postmarked)

TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Scholarship Essay Award Contest Rules

1. Applicant must be a member of the Texas Society Children of the American Revolution (T.S.C.A.R.) for **two (2) years**.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.
3. Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student, be in the **sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school or a full time student as a freshman** in an accredited college or university.
4. Applicant must provide copy of official transcript of most recent semester.
5. Applicant must complete the attached application form.
6. Applicant must submit letters of recommendation from:
 - Teacher or Adult Leader of an organization in which the applicant has taken an active part, and anyone else the applicant so chooses
7. Applicant must submit a typed and grammatically correct essay, 500 words (plus or minus 50 words) on the following topic:

“THE WINTER at Valley-Forge-December 1777-June 1778”

8. Applications must be **postmarked by January 15, 2016** and mailed to: The TEXAS SAR Chapter contact for the Chapter in the local area of the applicant’s C.A.R. Society.
9. Complete and mail the “Parental/Guardian Permission Release Form” with the application. This form can be found on the TEXAS SAR web site (www.txssar.org) under Youth Contests.
10. The Essay contest winner will be invited to receive the contest award during the TEXAS SAR State Youth Awards Luncheon following the C.A.R. State Meeting. Travel expenses will be in accordance with the “Travel and Convention Expense Allowance” guidelines found on the TEXAS SAR web site (www.txssar.org) under Youth Contests.
11. TEXAS SAR Sponsoring Chapter will judge the application(s) and select the Winner to represent the Chapter in the State level competition. The Chapter contact should contact the winner and advise the applicant that their Essay was the 1st Place winner at the Chapter level and invite them to a Chapter meeting to recognize the Winner. Chapter contact for the Essay Contest then submits the application to the Chairman, TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Essay Contest noted above no later than **February 1, 2016**.
12. The judges are:
 - Compatriot Ronald Carter, Chairman, TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Essay Contest
 - Compatriot Ricardo Ramirez, Committee Member
 - Compatriot James Mitchell, Committee Member
 - Compatriot William Covington, Committee Member

The majority vote of the Judges will be final

TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Essay Award Contest Application

1. Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
(Note: Social Security number will be required if applicant wins a money award)

SSN: _____

2. Address: _____ Parents Names: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ (H) (____) _____ Cell _____

3. Applicant's T.S.C.A.R. Society: _____

4. Sponsoring TEXAS SAR Chapter: _____
(Note - this is the TEXAS SAR Chapter nearest your CAR Society)

5. Grade in School: _____

6. National C.A.R. Number: _____

7. Number of Years in T.S.C.A.R. _____

8. Offices and Positions held while in T.S.C.A.R.: _____ Year(s) position held _____

Local: _____

State: _____

National: _____

8. School Information:
Name of School _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

9. Overall Grade Point Avg. at end of last semester: _____ (enclose school transcript)

10. School/Club activities: (Use separate sheet if necessary) Years Active

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

11. Community activities: (church, scouting, volunteer work, etc.) Years Active.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

12. Title of your Essay: _____

Instructions: a. Attach a 500-word essay (plus or minus 50 words), with references and bibliography, on the selected topic shown in paragraph 7 of the TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Essay Contest Rules.

b. Provide school transcript.

c. Postmark the application no later than **January 15, 2016**

d. Mail applications to: **TEXAS SAR Sponsoring Chapter**

Attn: President or C.A.R. Liaison Officer,

TEXAS SAR Chapter in applicant's local area

(*Note: Local Chapter information can be obtained at the TEXAS SAR web site at www.txssar.org, go to Chapter Info, then Contacts for Chapters.*)

e. If applicant is selected as the 1st Place Contest Winner, parents are asked to complete a "Parental Permission Form" to authorize posting the applicant's Essay to the TEXAS SAR web site.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Deadline for application to local SAR Chapter is January 15, 2016 (postmarked)