

Florida Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Committee

August 14, 2019

Dear Compatriots,

The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is a program specifically designed by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) to stimulate interest in American History in support of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Curriculum or earlier grades if American History is taught there. This is a group of students that have not been addressed by any other NSSAR Youth Program. Although NSSAR has been sponsoring this program for several years, this is the 11th year that the Florida Society (FLSSAR) has entered the contest. The topic for the Poster Contest is set by the FLSSAR Americanism Committee each year. The topic for the 2019 - 2020 year is **“The Battle of Thomas Creek”**.

The contest is structured much like the Florida History Fair and many of our other youth programs. Contests at the first level are held in the individual public elementary schools and parochial/private schools and the home school community. These contests are to be judged by persons from those schools/community using the Judging Criteria stated in the attached Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines. The winning poster from each first level contest (school) then is entered in the Chapter Contest at the second level where they are judged by members of the chapter poster contest committee augmented, if necessary, by other chapter members.

We will try to arrange for a member of the Florida Art Educators Association in your local area to join your chapter judges and provide professional expertise. Chapters must design an entry form for these contestants and establish deadlines for submission of entries and dates of the Chapter Contests. The winning poster from each chapter must be brought or sent to the third level Florida Society Contest which will be held at the FLSSAR Spring Board of Managers meeting (BOM) and judged by members of the FLSSAR Poster Contest Committee. The attached Florida Society Poster Contest Entry Form must be submitted to Larry D. Sturgeon, Chairman, 2490 Fairview Rd., Springhill Florida 34609-5215 or email: larrydsturgeon@hotmail.com by April 30, 2020.

Awards for the top three posters in the Florida Society Poster Contest will be forwarded to the sponsoring chapter presidents for presentation to the respective contestants. The entry form for the fourth level National Society Poster Contest will be completed at BOM for the winning chapter entry. The winning poster in the Florida Society Poster Contest will be delivered to the NSSAR Americanism Committee Chairman or his representative at the National Congress. All other posters will be returned to the sponsoring chapters.

Only through each chapter's dedicated efforts can we attract extensive participation to assure a successful contest. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at larrydsturgeon@hotmail.com or 352-688-2947.

Fraternally,
Larry D. Sturgeon, Chairman

FLORIDA SOCIETY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

AMERICANISM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

PURPOSE: To help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Curriculum depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system.

2019 – 2020 SCHOOL YEAR POSTER THEME: “The Battle of Thomas Creek”

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

Poster will be on standard poster board. (22’ x 28”).

- Any media of drawing material may be used, and students may paste unpublished material (not commercially printed) on their poster boards. *No three dimensional posters* will be accepted.
- The subject must conform to the announced theme, showing evidence of research. The student may include a short written explanation on the poster explaining symbols used.
- No group project posters. Each poster must be done by one individual student.
- All entries must have the following information taped to the back of the poster: **(The front of the poster must not be signed or labeled.)**
 - a. **Student data: Name, Address, Home Phone Number, Age and Grade. Social Security Number will be required for the state winner before entering in the National Contest to be eligible for National Prizes.**
 - b. School data: Name of Teacher, Name of School, Address.
 - c. Sponsoring SAR Chapter or For State Winner, State Society.
- *Only one entry per school* may be entered in the SAR Chapter competition and only one entry per Chapter may be entered in the state competition.
- All posters must be judged by the following criteria:
 1. Does the poster express the annual theme?
 2. Does the poster show originality by the student?
 3. Does the poster show evidence of research?
 4. Does the poster show artistic merit and creativity?
 5. Is the poster neat?
- Prizes are: 1st - \$150.00, 2nd - \$100.00, 3rd - \$50.00 check.

The Florida Society Poster Contest Entry Form (See attachment 1) for the winning poster from the chapter competition must be attached to back of poster and forwarded to Florida Society Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Chairman Larry D. Sturgeon by Friday, 1 May 2020 at the FLSSAR Spring Board of Management meeting.

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FLORIDA SOCIETY POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Sponsoring Chapter _____

Chapter President _____

Chapter Poster Contest Chairman

Chairman's Address _____

City _____ **State** FL **Zip** _____

Number of Posters Judged by Chapter _____ **E-Mail** _____

Student Information

Name _____ **Age** _____ **Grade** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Teacher & School Information

Teacher's Name _____ **Number of Students** _____

School's Name _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Number of Posters Competing at School _____ **E-Mail** _____