

# Sons of the American Revolution



## Knight Essay Program Guidelines

**Sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12 SAR**

This contest is open to all students who are United States citizens or legal aliens. Contestants shall be attending public, parochial, or private high schools (including accredited home schools). Contestants shall be in the **sophomore, junior or senior grade** of study during the contest year. The contest is conducted in three phases: local (Chapter), state (State Society) and National. The contest must be entered through a Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution near the student's residence. Only one entry per student is permitted per contest year. The first place National winner is prohibited from participating in following years' contests.

1. The topic must relate to a person, event, ideal, or philosophy associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.
2. Students must use at least five (5) references with at least three (3) being printed references. Encyclopedia and electronic references are acceptable as source material. See Point #3 below.
3. The essay must have a minimum of 800 words and not exceed 1,200 words (excluding title page, footnotes, bibliography page, and biography page). (Word counts based on a word processor are acceptable). The First page of the Essay must include the title of the essay. (No contestant information must appear on these pages as they are separated and distributed to the judges for grading to prevent possible grading bias.) The essay must be typed double-spaced on white bond paper. No bindings or special covers are needed. Graphics are not permitted. An original copy of the essay must be submitted. Poor quality copies will not be accepted. Plagiarism will be grounds for immediate disqualification Numerical dates shall be counted as one word. (Four double spaced typed pages should put your contestant's essay within the approved word count)The essay shall have four parts: a) title page, b) essay, c) bibliography, and d) a one-page contestant biography.(The top of the title page should have the student's name, address, social security number,& telephone number, and the school's name, address, & telephone number. The title should be in the center of page)
4. Essays can utilize any recognized standard documentation system.
5. Competition will include local, state, and national levels.

### AWARDS:

- a. National Society - First place: \$2,000; a winning recognition certificate and medal; and airfare, and one night hotel for the winner and a chaperone at the NSSAR 126th Annual Congress ( Boston, MA in July

2016) Publication of essay in the SAR Magazine and on the NSSAR Web Page

Second Place: \$1,000, Third Place: \$500, .

- b. Ohio State Society - First Place: \$300, a recognition certificate. Second Place: \$200, and recognition certificate Third Place: \$100, and a recognition certificate.

c. NEO Chapter #12 – First Place: \$100.00. Second Place: \$50.00. Third Place: \$25.00.

2. **Refer any questions to Contest Chairman Compatriot Jim Gilbert**  
**[jgilbert7@windstream.net](mailto:jgilbert7@windstream.net) 440-224-0252**

9. **Deadline for entry December 31.**