Sons of the American Revolution Georgia Society
Elementary School Poster Contest

The purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Annual Poster Contest is to stimulate interest in the history of the Revolutionary War period at the grade level when this period of American History is usually taught in Georgia public school systems.

This is a national contest which begins at the local, Chapter level, with each SAR chapter judging posters from schools in its area to determine 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners from each school. Each Chapter then determines an overall Chapter winner to submit to the Georgia Society (GASSAR), which determines 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners at the state level. Each State then submits its 1st-place winner to be judged at the NSSAR Annual National Congress, where 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place national winners are determined.

The guidelines for the Poster Contest are set by the National Society SAR, but the specific topics are determined at the state level by the GASSAR Education Committee. **Consistent with the stated permanent themes of the SAR for the poster contest for school years ending in an odd number, "Revolutionary War Person or Persons" will be the general topic.**

Students should select <u>one</u> of the following people as the subject of their poster:

- *Benjamin Franklin*
- *Button Gwinnett (Georgia figure)*
- *Lyman Hall (Georgia figure)*

Who may enter the Contest? Students who are in the third or fourth grade at a public or private school, or at the equivalent level of Home Schooling may participate.

The Sons of The American Revolution

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was founded in 1889 by a group of men who, after the 1876 Centennial, thought it would be appropriate to document and record the stories of their Revolutionary War ancestors and the events in which they were involved. Those efforts led to the establishment of an organization dedicated to fostering Patriotism, perpetuating our American Heritage, and retaining and expanding historical records of the American Revolution.

As the largest male genealogical society in the country, there are tens of thousands of active members in over 550 chapters across the country.

At the national, state, and local levels, the SAR helps to bring its goals to life in the communities where we live by supporting active military service members, veterans, and by providing a variety of age-appropriate educational programs and contests to the schools in our communities.

Visit our local chapter website:
www.PiedmontChapter.org

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Elementary School Poster Contest 2026-2027 School Year

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Elementary School Poster Contest Rules

- A minimum of twelve (12) posters per school must be submitted for cash prizes to be awarded to winners at the school. If there are fewer than 12 students participating, judging can still occur, and winners will be awarded appropriate certificates of recognition.

- Use a **standard paper poster board size of 22 inches x 28 inches** (no foam-backed or corrugated poster board or tri-fold presentation folder boards allowed). Any other sizes or configurations will be disqualified. If the poster can't be rolled up to be put in a 3-inch diameter mailing tube it can't be accepted.

- Any media of drawing material may be used. Unpublished material (not commercially printed) may be used. **Three-dimensional posters will not be accepted.**

- Original computer-aided graphics designed material created by the student may be used on posters but will be limited to only 50 percent of the poster. No commercially produced or printed material, including clip art, is allowed. Use of trademarked or copyrighted material will be grounds for disqualification.

- The subject must conform to the announced topic. It must show evidence of research. The student may include a brief explanation on the poster concerning any symbols used.

- Group posters are not allowed. Each poster must be the work of an individual student.

- **All entries must have the following information taped to the back of the poster (*student names on the front of the poster are not permitted*):**
  - Student Name, Home Address and Phone Number
  - Student Age and Grade
  - Name of Teacher
  - Name and Address of School

National First Place 2023-2024



2023-2024 First Place Winning Poster

Tips for a Good Poster:

- Display the name of the topic prominently on the poster.

- Include some limited text to reflect facts and figures to show evidence of research on the topic. Posters with "boxed" text tend to present a better appearance than those with no text and those with randomly scattered text.

- Very basic internet research often reveals major myths of history to avoid on a given subject.

- ***While the U.S. flag is a very proud patriotic symbol, avoid using modern versions of the flag on the poster. Instead, use images of flags that are historically correct for the period. Use of a modern flag image will cause the poster to be disqualified.***

- Limiting text to as few bullet points as possible can decrease the opportunity for grammar and spelling errors. Limited pasting of computer-generated text is permitted. Spell out names. For places, don't use postal abbreviations. Instead of NY, use New York.

- Artwork giving the appearance that it was obviously not done by the student may be downgraded during judging. Neatly done original artwork tends to judge better than computer-generated illustrations.

Judging Criteria:

- Does the poster express the annual topic/theme?
- Does the poster show originality by the student?
- Does the poster show evidence of research?
- Does the poster show artistic merit and creativity?
- Does the poster reflect historical accuracy?
- Is the poster neat? Creative use of a computer can improve the overall appearance and neatness of the poster.

The Piedmont Chapter will support an individual school with this contest at any point in the school year if it is helpful to align the timing of the contest with the teaching of the Revolutionary War period. However, posters must be made available to the local chapter for judging no later than Friday, March 5, 2027.

The recognition of School, Chapter, and State winners will be done before the end of the school year.

Poster Contest Prizes are:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
School[1]	$50	$25	$15	–	–
Chapter[2]	$75	–	–	–	–
State[3]	$150	$100	$75	$50	$25
National	$300	$200	$100	$50	$25

[1] Winners for each participating school will be named; cash prizes will be awarded if the minimum number of participants is reached.

[2] An overall Chapter winner will be chosen from multiple schools participating for submission to the Georgia SAR for State judging.

[3] The winner from the Georgia SAR will be submitted to the NSSAR for national judging.

For more information about this contest from the SAR National organization website, please see: https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/