

Junior American Citizens

Helping tomorrow's citizens shine brightly today!

What is JAC?

- The 2nd oldest DAR youth oriented committee
- Its purpose is to teach:
 - Civics and principles of our government
 - Love of country
 - Patriotism
 - American History
 - What it means to be a good citizen:
 - At home
 - In the classroom
 - In an organization
 - In the community
- Build future leaders of America

Contests

- *Art*
 - Banner (Groups of 3-5; Grades Pre-K to 12)
 - Stamp (Individual; Grades 1-12)
 - Poster (Individual; Grades 1-12)
 - Photo Essay (Individual; Grades 1-12)
 - Digital (Individual; Grades 1-12)
- *Creative Expression*
 - Poetry (Individual; Grades 1-12)
 - Short Story (Individual; Grades 1-12)
- *Community Service*
 - Individual; Grades 1-12
 - Groups of 3 or more; Grades PreK-12. Can be mixed ages
 - Great project for a JAC Club!

3 Group Levels for every contest

1 – Gifted; 2 - General; 3 – Special Needs

800+ National Awards are presented each year

Clubs

- Meet as often as every day or as little as once per year
- Can form in conjunction with other groups:
 - Scouts
 - C.A.R.
 - Church Youth Groups
 - Home School Groups
 - Classrooms
 - 4-H Clubs
 - Sports Teams
- Just need a willing leader and a chapter to sponsor them
- Participate in Community Service and Patriotic Activities
- Learn American History and Promote Love of Country

Junior American Citizen Values

As a Junior American Citizen I will:

- *Show Courtesy and Respect for others;*
- *Be a Team Player - in my family and home, at school, and in my community;*
- *Take care of myself by making healthy choices in the food I eat and by getting exercise;*
- *Learn about American History and the fundamental principles upon which our nation was founded;*
- *Respect the Flag of the United States of America;*
- *Promote Patriotism;*
- *Listen to the ideas of others and learn to express my own ideas, realizing that sometimes we won't agree, but I will look for common ground;*
- *Find an occupation that is best for me, and learn to do it honestly and well;*
- *Do my best to make the right choices and strengthen my character;*
- *When I am old enough to vote, exercise that right and privilege by being informed of the issues and carefully choosing leaders who will represent "we the people" and our American principles;*

America depends upon her citizens; every day I will strive to be a Good Junior American Citizen.



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2022-2023 Contest Theme

The 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail:
Moving the Stars and Stripes Westward.

Deadline Jan. 1: Copies of chapter first place winning entries to the state chair.



Objectives for JAC clubs:

- Promote volunteerism in Home, School and Community
- Prepare an Exhibit of Activities for local or school library
- Present a musical program of Patriotic songs
- Participation in National Contest to showcase creativity and talent

Goals and objectives of all activities should include::

- Courtesy to and respect for others
- The meaning of Responsibility to others
- Pride in JAC member's work and accomplishments
- Development and Reinforcement of Self Esteem
- Development of Leadership skills

