

DAR GOOD CITIZENS ESSAY CONTEST

Dear Chapter Regents and Committee Chairs,

I am pleased to serve as State Committee Chair for DAR Good Citizens Essay Contest. The contest is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors to excel in their writing abilities while showing their patriotism.

Please encourage the high schools in your district to participate in this contest. Last year only three chapters participated. The winners at the chapter level and the state receive a monetary award. The state winner is invited to attend State Conference and share their essay and receive recognition. The state winner's essay is submitted to the district level and then on to National. The winner at the National level receives a nice monetary award.

The title for this year's contest is "OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESERVING IT." The prompt states "In 2027, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the "Stars and Stripes," a symbol of unity, courage, and the enduring promise of America. How can the qualities of a DAR Good Citizen- dependability, service, leadership and patriotism- guide young Americans in honoring this historic milestone? Reflect on how living these values strengthens communities, inspire civic responsibility and upholds the principles represented by the flag.

DO NOT SHARE THE TOPIC OR WRITING PROMPT PRIOR TO THE STUDENT BEGINNING THEIR WRITING.

I MUST HAVE EACH CHAPTER'S WINNING ESSAY BY FEBRUARY 1, 2027. A COMMITTEE OF THREE JUDGES WILL EVALUATE THE

ESSAYS AND THE WINNING ESSAY WILL GO ON TO THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

The complete instructions and required forms are found on DAR.org under Committees

Please mail the winning essay and the required forms to me at

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