



## High School Oration Contest

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is a national competition sponsored since 1947 by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The contest is designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America. The Contest's purposes are:

- To support historical research in high schools related to our Revolutionary War period 1750-1800.
- To place a positive emphasis on the plans of our founding fathers.
- To facilitate enhancement of public speaking skills in young people who are future leaders of our Nation

The contest is open to all students of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes (Grades 9 - 12) in the public, parochial, private and home schools.

The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today. The oration must be essentially the same as the submitted manuscript. Notes and props (including military uniforms) may not be used in the presentation.

**Monetary Awards are granted at the Chapter (local), State and National level. The current National Award is \$4,000. Chapter and State Awards vary. Orations must be submitted to the Chapter by March 1. Please submit your Oration and supporting documents to: [contact@GoldCountrySAR.org](mailto:contact@GoldCountrySAR.org). Please see more detailed contest rules on reverse.**

## **CONTEST RULES**

**The oration must be original of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today.**

**The Oration Contest calls for:**

- **A written speech that is the original composition of the student.**
- **A digital recording on a USB flash drive of the contestant presenting his or her speech, saved as an .mpg, .mov, .m4v, or other easily opened video file. The oration must be given from memory without the use of notes or props or costume.**
- **The video should show the contestant from the waist up – not just a head shot.**
- **Contestant entry form must be submitted and signed by the student.**

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