



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DAR MEMBERS

2020–2021 Theme:

**“The 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower:
Rise and Shine For New Opportunities in a New Land”**

The Junior American Citizens Committee (JAC) is the National Society’s second oldest youth-oriented committee, preceded only by the Children of the American Revolution. Today, through JAC clubs and contests, the Society offers direct service to every school-age child in the United States, promoting good citizenship and appreciation of American heritage and history.

JAC CLUBS: JAC clubs may meet as often as daily or as rarely as once a year. Chapters are encouraged to assist schools and youth groups, such as scout troops, C.A.R. societies, and service organizations in forming JAC clubs. Free supplies including membership cards and bookmarks are available on the JAC section of the Members’ Website.

JAC CONTESTS: The JAC Committee offers contests in art, creative expression and community service for grades 1–12. Preschoolers may participate in the banner and group community services divisions only. Entries are judged by grade on three levels (gifted, general, and special needs) so that every child may enter the contest regardless of ability. This information is carefully guarded, and no certificate or award medal will indicate a specific level. Youth groups as well as schools may participate in the contests. A child does not have to be a member of a club to enter.

Contest guidelines for chapter chairs:

- Contact schools and clubs before the school year begins. One on one contact works best. Distribute forms JAC-1011, JAC-1009, JAC-1010, and JAC-1007 with chapter contact information and deadline. Provide assistance and encouragement.
- Judge all entries according to category contest guidelines.
- Submit first place entries to the state chair via email, digital images on a CD, color copy, and/or photograph (minimum 3" x 5" and maximum 5" x 7").
- Chapter chairs should retain the original entry for first place in each category. In the event a chapter entry is a national winner, chapter chairs will be notified.
- Present JAC Certificates of Award to first place chapter winners. Consider acknowledging second, third, and honorable mention winners. Certificates are available on the JAC section of the DAR Members’ Website.
- The Chapter Master Report (CMR) will ask for the number of children participating in the Art, Creative Expression and Community Service contests. Be sure to keep track!

JAC NATIONAL PRIZE FUND: Daughters and chapters are encouraged to consider gifts to the JAC National Prize Fund.

FRIENDS OF JAC: Members and chapters who contribute \$100 are entitled to purchase the Friends of JAC pin from The DAR Insignia Store to wear on the official ribbon. A second donation entitles a member to purchase the “Best Friend” bar.

Additional Resources:

- Please visit the JAC Committee Webpage: <http://members.dar.org/committees/jac/index.htm>
- JAC Contest Entry Form (JAC-1007): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-1007.PDF>
- JAC Bookmarks (JAC-WP-2000): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-WP-2000.PDF>
- JAC Contest Guidelines (JAC-1009): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-1009.PDF>
- JAC Fact Sheet (JAC-WP-1006): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-WP-1006.PDF>
- JAC Generic Certificate (JAC-2001): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-2001.PDF>
- JAC Contest Categories (JAC-1010): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-1010.PDF>
- Teacher Cover Letter (JAC-1011): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-1011.PDF>
- JAC Publicity, Scrapbook and Thatcher Award (JAC-1005): <http://members.dar.org/darnet/forms/JAC-1005.PDF>
- JAC Thatcher Award (JAC-WP-1013): <http://members.dar.org/forms/JAC-WP-1013.PDF>


Where to find JAC Resources DAR Members' Website

The JAC Committee section of the website contains everything you need to know about developing and maintaining successful clubs and contests!

All forms, instructions, guidelines, bookmarks and handouts are provided. Several items including the Contest Entry form, Membership Card, JAC Certificate may be customized and printed from your home computer.

Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES				SPECIAL COMMITTEES
American Heritage	Commemorative Events	DAR School	Lineage Research	Celebrate America!
American History	Community Service	DAR Service for Veterans	Literacy Promotion	Special Projects Grants
American Indians	Awards	The Flag of the United States of America	Membership National	Celebrate 125!
Americanism Chapter	Conservation	Genealogical Records	Defense President	
Achievement Awards	DAR	Historic Preservation	General's Project	ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES
Children of the American Revolution Committee	Genealogy Preservation	Junior American Citizens	Public Relations & Media	Congressional
Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission	DAR Good Citizens	DAR Magazine	Volunteer Information Specialists	DAR Leadership Training
	DAR Museum Outreach	DAR Junior Membership	Volunteer Genealogists	
	DAR Project Patriot		Women's	




< Enter Student's Name >
Is a member of the

Junior American Citizens

< Enter Name of Club >
Club

< Enter Name of School >
School



JAC CREED

- ◆ I believe that through the coming years our United States of America will be a great and happy Nation if her boys and girls become active citizens.
- ◆ I'll strive to make my body strong and well, and keep it from accidents.
- ◆ I'll learn to read and write and speak so well that I can understand the thoughts of other people and give my own ideas to them.
- ◆ I'll seek the life work best for me and learn to do it honestly and well.
- ◆ I'll find joy in wholesome recreation when my tasks are done.
- ◆ A family needs love and understanding I'll do my part in such a home.
- ◆ When faced with right and wrong, I'll try to make right choices and strengthen my own character.
- ◆ My country needs good citizens. When my time comes, I'll study her problems carefully. I'll do my share in choosing leaders wisely.
- ◆ Our America depends upon her citizens. Today and every day I'll strive to be a good Junior American Citizen.

Harold Clifford - 1939
Revised 2005

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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE

Daughters of the American Revolution



Junior American Citizens Committee

Honoring our Heritage - Focusing on the Future - Celebrating America!

This is to certify that

< *Enter Student's First Last Name* >

Has been awarded

< *Enter Place and Grade* >

< *Enter Type of Contest* >

Presented by

< *Enter Chapter, State or Division* >

< *Enter JAC title here - sign above line* >

< *Enter Month Day Year* >
Date

Confidential Information for Judges and Teachers/Leaders Only!

In order to provide opportunities for all of these children to be winners we will be judging each grade on three levels.

On the JAC entry form below, which stays with each child's entry, is the direction:

"Please circle in which group this entry should be judged: Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3."

The following is the code that you will need to correctly circle the entry for our judges:

Group 1 = Gifted Group 2 = General Group 3 = Special Needs

This information will be carefully protected by our judges and no certificate or award medal will indicate a special group.

Please make sure that this group information is not given out to the news media.

Please detach this section before copying or distributing the entry forms to protect the privacy of the children.

JAC CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Category _____ Grade _____

Contestant's or group's full name _____

JAC Club/School/Group (circle one). Specific name _____

Address _____

Please check the group in which this entry should be judged:

Group 1 Group 2 or Group 3

Name of the sponsoring DAR chapter, town and state _____

Name, address, e-mail address and phone number of DAR chapter contact person _____

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JAC Contest Reporting Timeline

**By January 1
Chapter Chair reports to State Chair**

The chapter chair sends via mail both a hard copy and thumb drive of each first place winning entry along with a complete *Contest Entry Form* to the state chair. Please review the *Contest Guidelines* found on the Member's Website for specific reporting information.

**By January 15
State Chair reports to Division Vice Chairs**

**By February 1
Division Vice Chairs report to National Vice Chairs**

**By February 15
National Vice Chairs reports to National Chair**

**By March 1
National Chair announces winners**

JAC DIVISIONS

NORTHEASTERN

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
New York, Rhode Island, & Vermont

EASTERN

Delaware, DC, Maryland, New Jersey,
Pennsylvania, Virginia, & Units Overseas

SOUTHEASTERN

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi,
North Carolina, South Carolina, & Tennessee

EAST CENTRAL

Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, & West Virginia

NORTH CENTRAL

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska,
North Dakota, South Dakota, & Wisconsin

SOUTH CENTRAL

Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, & Texas

NORTHWESTERN

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, & Wyoming

SOUTHWESTERN

Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, & Utah