



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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DAR GOOD CITIZENS PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools that are in good standing with their State Boards of Education. United States citizenship is not required. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of **dependability** (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); **service** (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); **leadership** (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and **patriotism** (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) to an outstanding degree.

The recommended procedure for selecting a DAR Good Citizen is for the faculty to choose three seniors who have demonstrated, in an outstanding way, these qualities of a good citizen. From these three students, the senior class selects one student. Each school may, however, use a method of its own choice. **Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.** Each school's DAR Good Citizen receives a DAR Good Citizen pin, certificate and wallet recognition card. This student is then eligible, if he/she wishes, to enter the DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest. (If not included, the contest forms and instructions may be obtained from the contact person listed below.)

The DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest consists of two parts. **Part I (Personal) (70%)** consists of the student describing how he/she has tried to manifest the qualities of a good citizen. This part may be completed at home and is to be submitted together with a copy of an **official grade transcript** and **two letters of recommendation**: one from a close adult associate (other than family) such as a minister, an employer, a scout or 4-H leader, etc.; and the other from a school faculty member such as a teacher, coach, music instructor, guidance counselor, etc.

Part II (Essay) (30%) is to be administered under the supervision of a faculty or DAR member. It must be completed at one sitting, within a two-hour time limit, and without assistance or reference materials. **Please note** that Parts I and II represent 70% and 30% of the total contest entry score, respectively. Each contest entry is evaluated by independent, non-DAR judges. The winning entry is advanced through state and national levels of judging.

DAR Good Citizens who enter the scholarship contest are eligible for the awards beyond the chapter level. Each state winner receives an award in the amount of at least \$250 and a special state DAR Good Citizens pin and certificate. The national winner will be invited to Washington, D.C. to attend DAR Continental Congress and will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, an inscribed silver bowl, and certificate. Each of the eight (8) national division (multi-state groups) winners will receive a cash award in the amount of \$500.

- The opportunity to participate in the DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is extended and sponsored by _____ Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- For further information, please contact the DAR Chapter Good Citizens committee chairman _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____
or the DAR chapter regent _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Completed DAR Good Citizen entry due _____

Submit ALL DAR Good Citizen award / scholarship contest entry papers ONLY to the DAR chapter Good Citizens Committee chairman. Please make copies of all pages of the entry before it is directed to the local DAR chapter contact person.