



The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution State Contest 23 February 2023

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The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration 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 within the jurisdiction of the state of Alabama.

The oration must be original of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The oration topic 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. Props and notes, including military uniforms, may not be used in the presentation. The judges (all SAR members) will select the winners based on the following criteria: A. Composition; B. Delivery; C. Significance; D. History. Time allocated for delivery is between 5 and 6 minutes. (A penalty is applied for going outside the time allocations.)

Contestants wishing to enter the contest should contact the chairman of their local chapter NLT 1 December 2022. The student must provide a copy of the preliminary Oration by 15 December 2022 along with a photograph and biographical sketch of the entrant, to the Chapter Chairman. All Chapter contests should be concluded by the end of January 2023. All required forms are available on the ALSSAR Webpage under the Youth Service tab. All Chapter winner's information packet must be received by the State Chairman NLT 8 February 2023.

The 1st place State award winner receives \$1000 and an Olympic-sized (State level) medallion; 2nd place \$750; and 3rd place \$500. The first-place winner and parents are invited to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon as guests of the Alabama Society.

The State 1st place winner will compete in the National Congress contest held in Orlando Florida in July 2023. The State Society will reimburse the first-place state winner for travel/airfare and one night hotel stay expenses for the winner and a parent/chaperone to attend the SAR National Congress if they are selected as one of the six finalists.

The 1st place national award is \$5,000; 2nd place \$4000; 3rd place \$3000. All other finalists receive \$300; all other National contestants receive \$200.

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