



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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DAR GOOD CITIZENS COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

Please Note: Original copies of the school winner's entry are to be submitted to the chapter. In order for us to be able to provide good quality copies to the judges, we require that both parts (Parts I and II) of the contest entry be submitted on white paper approximately 8-1/2" x 11" in size. The paper may be either lined or unlined. Write only on one side of the paper and number pages. Do not submit a personal photograph. This scholarship is judged and awarded without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin or disability.

PART I: PERSONAL (70 points possible)

1. **Complete the following in outline format:** (These may be completed at home.)
 - a. List your high school activities, including offices held; awards received; athletic, music, journalism, drama, science and/or other participation; and areas of special interest.
 - b. Describe briefly how your efforts to serve your community (home, school, place of worship, etc.) have been effective or have made a difference.
 - c. Express your future plans, education and career goals, and aspirations in life.
 - d. List extracurricular activities, scouting, 4-H, explorers, after-school or summer jobs, hobbies, etc.
 - e. Describe briefly why you feel the four qualities of a DAR Good Citizen: Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism are important and how you have tried to exhibit those qualities in your life and in your relationships with others.
2. **Include a grade transcript** provided by the school, which is complete through the end of 11th grade and lists the subjects for which the student has enrolled for the 12th grade.
3. **Include 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 one from a school faculty member such as a teacher, coach, music instructor, guidance counselor, etc. Have the two letters of recommendation returned to you to be submitted with your entire entry. The letters of recommendation should include:
 - a. Identification of the writer along with a home or business address.
 - b. Relationship with the student and length of time he or she has known the student.
 - c. The student's qualities, which make the student an appropriate candidate for consideration.

PART II: ESSAY (30 points possible)

The title of the essay will be announced at the actual time of writing. The essay must be written in the presence of a faculty or DAR member within a two-hour time limit. The essay is to be no longer than 500 words in length (excluding articles and conjunctions) and be handwritten in ink or ballpoint pen, on only one side of white lined or unlined paper.

Typing is not permitted in this part of the contest. Reference materials may not be used. The "Scholarship Essay Instructions" will be provided at the time the essay is written. The essay may not be edited or corrected by anyone other than the student, and then only within the allotted time limit. Neatness, legibility, originality, and historical accuracy will be considered in the judging. If the student experiences a written word disability, contact the national chairman for an appropriate procedure to be followed so that the substance of the student's essay will not be compromised.

*The chapter chairman should furnish a sealed envelope, which contains the title of the essay. If the school is not in receipt of this envelope, please contact the chapter chairman listed on the **Program Overview** sheet.*

Submit ALL DAR Good Citizens 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.



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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 Daniel Newcomb Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.
- For further information, please contact the DAR Chapter Good Citizens committee chairman _____
Anna Marie Bosema 28554 US Highway 281 Armour, SD 57313
Phone (605) 351-6891 _____ E-mail ambosma@goldenwest.net
or _____
_____ † Lisa Nydam _____
Phone (605) 624-5448 _____ E-mail elnydam@q.com

Completed DAR Good Citizen entry due to the local DAR chapter by November 19, 2011

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STUDENT COVER SHEET

This cover sheet must be forwarded to the local sponsoring DAR chapter for your school's DAR Good Citizen winner.

Please TYPE or PRINT all information and be sure to complete all blanks.

RETURN FORM AND COMPLETED MATERIALS TO:

Sponsoring DAR Chapter/Chapter Code Daniel Newcomb **Deadline** November 19, 2011
Contact Person Anna Marie Bosema Phone Number (605) 351-6891
Address 28554 US Highway 281 Armour, SD 57313
E-mail Address ambosma@goldenwest.net

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Full Name _____
Address _____
E-mail Address _____ Telephone Number _____
Parents or Guardians _____
Signature of Student _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

School _____ E-mail Address _____
Address _____
School or Faculty Contact _____ Telephone Number _____

If student is participating in Scholarship Contest:

Scholarship Essay Administered by _____ Title _____

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

I, _____, have known _____ for
(Print your Name) (Print Student's Name)
_____ in my capacity as _____
(Length of time) (Relationship to student)

and that to my personal knowledge he/she has demonstrated the qualities of a Good Citizen as set forth in your criteria and, in my opinion, is most deserving of recognition by your organization. If our DAR Good Citizen competed in the scholarship portion of the contest, I have reviewed the information the student is submitting to you and have found it to be accurate and entirely consistent with our records.

Signature _____
Title _____
Address _____
Telephone _____