

Sons of the American Revolution

Youth Awards Programs

Applicant Form

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| Applicant Name: | | |
| Applicant Mailing Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Telephone Number: | Email Address: | |
| Organization (School, Scouting, or Other Group): | | Number of Members/Students/Scouts: |
| Organization Mailing Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Sponsoring SAR Chapter Information: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Chapter President Name: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Chapter President Email Address: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Chapter Chairman Name: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Chapter Chairman Email Address: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Chapter Chairman Mailing Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Sponsoring SAR Society Information: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Society President Name: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Society President Email Address: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Society Chairman Name: | | |
| Sponsoring SAR Society Chairman Email Address: | | |
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| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |

Please note that additional paper may be used as required to reply to the following prompts. Please put the applicant's name at top of each supplementary page and attach to this form.

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The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by an SAR chapter, state-level society, or the national society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

SAR members and direct descendants of those patriots that achieved the independence of the American people and the objectives of the organization are intended to perpetuate a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers. Such were the ideals of Captain Alden Partridge, who is considered the founder of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in the United States. Partridge founded the ROTC because his father, Samuel Partridge, a soldier of the Revolution, had concern for the newly founded United States and its lacking a development resource for qualified military officers. SAR supports all programs that encourage historical research, foster true patriotism, and maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. It strongly supports the United States ROTC/JROTC as exemplary programs of these ideals.

For ROTC or JROTC units with fewer than 500 cadets or midshipmen, one ROTC or JROTC Recognition medal will be awarded each year. For larger units, one medal may be presented for each 500 students enrolled in the unit. In cases where a school has more than one ROTC or JROTC unit, each unit is counted separately. The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit and no recipient may receive it more than once. The Bronze JROTC Medal was authorized in 1965, and is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC and no recipient may receive it more than once. As of June 15, 1998, the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is no longer eligible to receive the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal. Instead, the NSCC should be supported by recognizing the outstanding NSCC cadet with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

The winner of each state-level society competition will be entered into the National JROTC Recognition program. The winner of the national program will then receive a special award at the annual SAR Congress. The national-level SAR award is to be presented to the outstanding cadet in his or her next to last year of JROTC (a third-year cadet in a four year program). For a three year JROTC program, a second-year cadet may be selected. Whenever possible, presentation will be made by an SAR member at the ROTC unit's Spring Awards program.

All state-level society contests must be completed and the national contest entry packet must be forwarded to the SAR Education Director no later than May 1. As soon as the winning outstanding cadet in the nation is selected, the SAR chapter sponsoring that cadet will be contacted so that the chapter can coordinate the cadet's travel to the annual SAR Congress.

The winning cadet at the society level will be flown to the SAR Congress to attend, receive his or her award, and be recognized by the SAR. The award will be the National JROTC Medallion and a cash award of \$2,000.

An additional amount of expense funds, not to exceed \$1,000, will be provided to pay for the combined travel, hotel, and meals for both the cadet and his or her chaperone. Expenses in excess of the \$1,000 amount will be the responsibility of the cadet. It is suggested that additional assistance might be made available from the sponsoring SAR chapter or society, but is not mandatory. The travel expenses related to the respective state-level conventions will be at the discretion of the respective state-level societies.

The enhanced JROTC program has several objectives:

- 1.) To identify and recognize outstanding JROTC cadets at the chapter, society, and national levels. The program has been designed to allow all candidates to be evaluated equally, regardless of the military service they represent.
- 2.) To encourage SAR members to make a personal presentation of the JROTC medal to the outstanding JROTC student in the nation.

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3.) To encourage SAR chapters to work with JROTC units to determine how best to encourage and recognize these outstanding student citizens and therefore support this exceptional national youth program. Each cadet chosen to win the award at the JROTC unit level will receive the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal.

Levels of ROTC and JROTC Recognition Awards

If there is an SAR chapter contest with more than one unit participating in the chapter's area, the outstanding cadet of the SAR chapter may receive a bronze medallion on a neck ribbon and a ribbon bar with a gold frame and a bronze star to wear on the ribbon bar. The local chapter may also provide a nominal monetary award. If only one unit enters the contest, that entry must go through the chapter for approval in order to advance to the State level contest.

The outstanding cadet winning at the SAR state-level society may receive a silver medallion on a neck ribbon, a gold frame for the ribbon bar and a silver star for the ribbon bar. The society may also provide a monetary award.

The outstanding cadet winning at the national level will receive a gold medallion on a neck ribbon, a gold frame for the ribbon bar, and a gold star to wear on the ribbon bar. As stated above, the National SAR will provide a cash award of \$2,000 and up to \$1,000 in travel expense funds to the program winner. The second place national award recipient will receive a cash award of \$1,000 from the SAR. The third place national award recipient will receive a cash award of \$500 from the SAR. For further information and program details within the applicant's local area, please refer to the state-level society contact information found online via the SAR website <https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/rotc-jrotc-recognition-program>.

Selection criteria are primarily left up to the Senior Military Instructor and should include merit in patriotism, leadership, military bearing, scholarship, and general excellence. The Senior Military Instructor should be given full latitude in making the selection of cadet applicants. This application with all required attachments should be completed by the Senior Military Instructor and forwarded to the local SAR contact for each nominated cadet applicant. For the state-level society contest, each cadet must submit an original essay on the topic "How ROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States." The essay may be composed on a computer, typewriter, or by hand in black ink. The applicant's essay will also be used in the national-level contest. If there is a chapter contest, SAR chapters may also require copies of the applicant's essay. Applicants may use additional pages as required to reply to the following prompts, with the applicant's name listed at the top of those pages.

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| Nomination for Academic Year: | |
| ROTC/JROTC Unit: Army Navy Marine Corps Air Force Navy Sea Cadet Corps | ROTC/JROTC Program: 3 Year 4 Year |
| Senior ROTC/JROTC Instructor or Commanding Officer: | Cadet's Grade Level: |
| Instructor or Commanding Officer's Email Address: | Instructor or Commanding Officer's Telephone Number: |
| Applicant's Scholastic Standing (i.e. 1 of 350): | Applicant's Academic Grade Point Average (GPA): |

ROTC & JROTC Leadership Positions

Please list and describe the applicant's advancement history and potential for the upcoming year (i.e. Recruit, Private, Private First Class, and Corporal).

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| Year 1: |
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| Year 2: |
| Year 3: |
| Year 4: |

ROTC & JROTC Command Organizations and Positions

Please list and describe the applicant's advancement history and potential for the upcoming year (i.e. Cadet, Assistant Squad Leader, Squad Leader, and Assistant Platoon Leader).

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| Year 1: |
| Year 2: |
| Year 3: |
| Year 4: |

Academic Extracurricular Activities and Positions

Please list and describe the applicant's involvement with academically-based extracurricular activities (i.e. Science Club, Computer Club, and Freshman Class Secretary).

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| 9 th Grade: |
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| 10 th Grade: |
| 11 th Grade: |

Non-Academic and Non-ROTC Activities and Positions

Please list and describe the applicant's involvement with any other community or non-scholastic extracurricular activities (i.e. employment, church, Scouting (Rank), Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and volunteering).

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| 9 th Grade: |
| 10 th Grade: |
| 11 th Grade: |

Please provide the following required documents as attachments to this application form:

- 1.) Recommendation by the school principal with verification of the applicant's GPA and scholastic standing.
- 2.) Recommendation by the Senior JROTC Instructor with specific comments about the applicant's leadership potential.
- 3.) An original essay composed by the applicant of 500 to 700 words in length. The essay must be double-spaced and contain a word count at the end of the essay. The essay topic is "How ROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America."

Please complete and save a copy of this application form for future review. Mail, email, or FAX a copy of the entry form to the local SAR Chapter ROTC Chairman or designated contact officer for entry in any or all competitions by the stated deadline date. You may request a "Read Receipt" via email to confirm that the file was received.