CASSAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

Procedures

Students entering the Oration Contest should submit their entries to a local chapter of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapters can be located at www.californiasar.org. If the local chapter isn’t participating, the contestant should contact John Ferris, CASSAR Oration Contest Chairman (jrf1776@outlook.com). Each student entry must include:

1. A written speech that is the original composition of the student. It must be between five and six minutes in length when presented. The topic is an event, personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War, and its relationship to America today. The written speech should be double spaced.

2. A digital recording on a USB flash drive of the contestant presenting the speech, saved as an .mpg, .mov, .m4v, or other easily opened video file, is required. The oration must be given from memory without the use of notes or any kind of props or costume. The oration must be essentially the same as the written manuscript. The video should show the contestant from the waist up, not just a head shot.

3. Contestant Entry Form shall be signed by the student. If the contestant has an oratorical coach, their signature shall be included (NSSAR Form B, page 1). The biographical sketch (NSSAR Form B, page 2) shall also be signed.

4. Signed parent authorization and release form for viewing of video recording.

5. Electronic photograph of contestant.

The Chapters will judge the entries using the NSSAR Oration Contest judging sheet. The winning chapter entries will be forwarded with the CASSAR Oration Contest Winner Form to John Ferris, CASSAR Oration Contest Chairman.

The 2021 state winner will receive the Olympic-size Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest medal and a prize of $1,000. The winner will be offered the opportunity to compete in the national contest at the 2021 NSSAR Congress in Renton, Washington. The state winner will be responsible for his/her travel expenses to the NSSAR Congress if he/she chooses to compete for the national prizes.

**Deadlines**

**February 19, 2021** Oration manuscript, digital recording on USB flash drive, entry form, biographical sketch, parent consent form, and photograph are due to Chapter Oration Contest Chairman, or Chapter President.

**March 5, 2021** Entries from Chapter Oration Contest winners due to John Ferris, CASSAR Oration Contest Chairman.

**April 17, 2021** California Society, SAR Spring Meeting Youth Awards Luncheon

**July 8–14, 2021** NSSAR Oration Contest in Renton, Washington