

# Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution

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## Westminster Chapter

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Serving Carroll County Maryland



### ***Announces the 2019-2020 Local Competition for The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest***

*An oration by freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students (Grades 9 - 12) in public, parochial, private and home schools. Speech to be between 5 and 6 minutes in length, dealing with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and showing a relationship to America today. Must include a written version.*

#### **Rules**

See the rules attached or at <https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest>

#### **Local Competition**

**(Written transcripts due by February 25, 2020)**

7:00 P.M., February 26, 2020

Westminster Public Library Large Meeting Room, Westminster, MD 21157

#### **Local Awards**

Winner will present their Winning Oration at the chapter's March 7, 2020 meeting and receive their award at that time. Winner represents the Chapter at the 2020 Maryland State Society, Sons of the American Revolution (MDSSAR) Annual Meeting

#### **State Competition**

April 11, 2020

MDSSAR Annual Meeting, *Dutch's Daughter Restaurant*, Frederick, Maryland

#### **State Awards**

First Place \$500

Second Place \$250

Third Place \$100

Winner represents State at the 2020 National SAR Congress (travel expenses paid for by MDSSAR)

#### **National Competition**

July 9-15, 2020

Richmond, Virginia

#### **National Awards**

First Place \$6,000

Second Place \$4,000

Third Place \$2,000

The above winners also receive an Olympic-size medal

All other finalists \$500

All other national Contestants \$200

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### Official Rules of The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

1. The contest will be held in preliminary round(s) by state societies and/or chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution to select one winner from each participating state. In districts where no state society sponsors an entrant, a district entry is permitted. Each participating state society or district should provide information regarding the contest to senior high school, parochial, private and home-schooled speech and/or history teachers and principals or counselors as early as possible.
2. The 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 sponsoring state society or district.
3. The oration must be original of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The subject 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. Notes and props (including military uniforms) may not be used in the presentation.
4. The state society or district establishes the date and deadlines for its contest allowing adequate time to submit its winner as an entrant in the national competition. **(Four weeks before the start of NSSAR Congress)** Form A & B, which can be found below, (National) must be received by the National Chairman by the deadline.
5. Before the chapter winner competes in the state contest, a copy of the oration, a photograph and biographical sketch of the entrant, and the completed Form B should be mailed to the state chairman following the chapter contest. Form A (State) will be sent by the Chapter Chairman to the State Chairman.
6. At Congress the NSSAR will furnish awards and give recognition to all orators who participate in the national preliminary and final contests.
7. Expenses involving lodging, meals, and transportation to, at, and from the NSSAR Congress may be borne by the sponsoring state society or district. Chaperon for the entrant may be provided by the state society or district.
8. During the presentation of orations at chapter, state-district, or national contest, no applause is permitted until all orators have finished speaking.
9. During the contest, no private videotaping or flash picture taking will be allowed.
10. By action of the 1985 Congress, all judges in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest must be members of the SAR. The judges will select the winners by 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.)
11. The contestants must agree that the interpretation of rules and the decisions of the NSSAR and its judges shall govern without reservation. The judging sheets and notes are the property of the SAR.
12. The first place winner at the national level of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest may not compete in its future competitions.
13. The first place National winner is expected to attend the youth awards luncheon the day after the final competition.

**CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM**  
**FOR THE**  
**JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATION CONTEST**

*THE FOLLOWING REQUIRES THE SIGNATURES OF BOTH THE CONTESTANT AND COACH. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.*

In entering this contest we understand the oration must be an original composition, of not less than five minutes, or more than six minutes. We are aware that this oration, in the chapter, state and national contest, must be given from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props. We understand that in composing this oration the subject shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document, pertaining to the Revolutionary War, showing the relationship it bears to America today. It is understood that we can create the title of the oration.

We agree that the interpretation of rules and decisions of the NSSAR and its judges shall govern without reservation. Judges' notes and collective contestant ranking are the property of the SAR and will not be provided to the contestants, but will be destroyed immediately after the contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Contestant's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Contestant's Coach)

NOTE: If this contestant becomes the State entrant for national competition, the state chairman is responsible for forwarding this entry form with the other documents to the national chairman.

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**Form B (page 1 of 2)**

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**(State or National)**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Please complete the following biographical sketch. If necessary you may attach an additional sheet for extended comments. This biographical sketch and entry blank should be accompanied by a (1) recent photo with your name on the back and (2) a copy of your oration.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

YOUR NICKNAME OR THE NAME YOU GO BY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS 9, 10, 11, OR 12  
(Circle Grade)

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR FUTURE PLANS \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please email or mail a copy of the following items to the SAR Chapter Oration contest chairman:**

- Contestant Entry Form
- Biographical Sketch
- Copy of the Contestant's Oration
- Photograph (a snapshot will work)
- Youth Contest Release form

**If there is no local Chapter, send entry to the State Society Chairman. The appropriate chairman will notify the applicant of dates of the Chapter and State-level contests.**

**AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**  
**FOR PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH CONTEST SPONSORED BY**  
**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and its constituent state and local organizations (collectively hereinafter "SAR"), an historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 1533, Title 36 United States Code and maintaining tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, comprises the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for American Independence; and

WHEREAS, as a part of its educational outreach, SAR conducts several youth award programs and contests at the National, state, and local level which may encourage submissions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the eligibility, rules for entry, topics, deadlines for submission of entries, timelines for judging, criteria for selection of winning entries or participants, rules and regulations for each program and prizes are established at the sole discretion of the SAR and additional terms for submission of materials of all types and forms including photographs, writings, drawings, electronic media may be found at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org); and

WHEREAS, by entering into a contest, submitting materials, photographs, drawings, speeches, electronic, written or oral presentations the contestant, or in the case of a minor their legal parent or guardian, agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the contests and programs as determined by SAR, in its sole discretion;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned agrees that by submitting materials or participating in the indicated contest you warrant and represent that materials of all types and forms including photographs, writings, drawings, electronic media and speeches for contests are wholly original and of your own creation, and that you are the sole owner of all rights relating to the same. You unconditionally assign and transfer all ideas, concepts, copyrighted materials and trademarks used by permission, if any, contained in the submissions to SAR and its agents, licensees and assigns. SAR and its agents, licensees and assigns have the right to use, assign, modify, edit, adapt, dispose, and electronically alter the submissions, including but not limited to cause them to appear in promotional and/or commercial materials, as well as to reproduce them, in whole or in part, without compensation or additional consent from you or any third party. If the submitted entries contain any material or elements that are not owned by the contestant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the submissions, the contestant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the entry, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the entry without compensation. If any person appearing in any submission is under the age of majority in their state of residence the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that by entering into the indicated contest, all contestants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide non-exclusive license to SAR, to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit) in connection with the contest and promotion of the contest, in any media now or hereafter known, including, but not limited to: Display at any potential exhibition of contestants or winners; publication of a magazine article or internet display featuring select entries in contests; publication in The SAR Magazine or SAR websites online highlighting entries or winners of the contest. Contestants consent to the SAR doing or omitting to do any act that would otherwise infringe the contestant's "moral rights" in their entries. Display or publication of any entry on an SAR's website or elsewhere does not indicate the contestant will be selected as a winner. Additionally, by entering, each contestant grants to SAR the unrestricted right to use all statements made in connection with the contest, and pictures, videos or likenesses of contest entrants, or choose not to do so, at their sole discretion. SAR will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such use. These grants inure to the benefit of the SAR and its agents, licensees and assigns, including but not limited to local and state SAR organizations and Vested Interest Publications, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that by entering the indicated contest, all entrants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless the SAR and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, publication agencies, agents and their employees, officers, directors, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in a contest or any contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder. Participants agree that the SAR and its agents, licensees and assigns are to be held harmless by the contestant for any claims, issues, demands, losses or actions that arise from or are related to their submission of materials for contests, including third party claims of copyright infringement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that SAR assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or delay in operation or transmission; communications line failure; mail or courier delays, theft or destruction of or unauthorized access to entries; or alteration of entries. In the case of any communication by electronic means, if authorized by program or contest rules, SAR is not responsible for any problems with or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any email entry to be received on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, human errors of any kind, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to entrants or any other persons computers related to or resulting from participation, uploading or downloading of any materials related to SAR contests.

FINALLY, IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED, that SAR reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who does not comply with established entry rules, criteria for eligibility, or who tampers with the entry process, and/or to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend any program or contest. If SAR elects to cancel or terminate any program or contest, SAR shall continue to retain any rights in the submitted materials and the submitting contestant

shall continue to be bound by the published rules and the provisions of this Authorization and Release.

By my signature below, I acknowledge for myself, a person of lawful age and majority in my state of residence; or in the case of an entry submitted on behalf of a minor, I acknowledge as the minor's lawful parent or guardian, that I have read the published rules and regulations relating to the program or contest identified below; that I agree to be bound by the contest rules and regulations; that I agree to the terms and provisions of this Authorization and Release for myself or my minor child and acknowledge to be bound by same, that I understand the provisions set forth, and that I have executed the same freely and voluntarily.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and executed in the city and state of \_\_\_\_\_, by the undersigned, a person of lawful age and majority, for myself, or for the benefit of any minor child contestant as their lawful parent or guardian.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

In the case of execution of this document on behalf of a minor child, the printed name of the child for whom you have executed this Agreement and Release:

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contest or Program \_\_\_\_\_