** National Heritage Student Contest Calendar**

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|  | **American Legion (HS only)** | **Constituting America (1-12 grades) + Teacher** | **National History Day (MS/HS)** | **Sons of the American Revolution (1 -12 grades)** | **Veterans of Foreign Wars (MS/HS)** | **Congressional Art Competition (HS)** |
| SEP ‘23 | Oratorical: Begin Prep | 17: Deadline |  |  |  |  |
| Oct ‘23 |  |  |  |  | 31: Deadline |  |
| NOV ‘23 |  |  |  | 15: HS & Teacher Essay Deadlines |  |  |
| JAN ‘24 | Oratorical Ladders begin |  |  |  |  |  |
| FEB ‘24 | Oratorical Semi- Finals |  | 11: Regional Contest Kennesaw) |  |  |  |
| MAR ‘24 | Boys/Girls State Interviews |  |  | 1: HS Oration, ES Poster & MS Brochure Deadlines |  |  |
| APR ‘24 | National Oratorical Contest | 26: Gauntt Citizen Award | State Contest |  |  | 21: Submission due |
| JUN ‘24 | Boys State/Girls State |  | Natl Contest |  |  |  |

**American Legion**: High School: Oratorical Contest on Constitution <http://departmentofgeorgiaoratorical.weebly.com/> and [www.legion.org/oratorical/about](http://www.legion.org/oratorical/about). Boys State [www.dogboysstate.org/](http://www.dogboysstate.org/) & Girls State [www.georgiagirlsstate.org/](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/)

**Constituting America**: K-5: Poem and Holiday Card; 6-8: Essay, Song, PSA, STEM; 9-12: PSA, Essay, Song, STEM, Social Media Video, Short Film; Graduating Senior Exemplary Citizen Award; Teacher: Lesson Plan; <http://constitutingamerica.org/contest-categories/>

**National History Day**: 6-12: Exhibit, Documentary Film, Essay, Performance, Website: <https://nhd.org/en/>; (2024 Theme: *Turning Points in History*); Georgia Contest Website: <https://tinyurl.com/y5hzlvk9>.

**Sons of the American Revolution**: ES: Poster; MS: Brochure; HS: Essay & Oration; Elementary, Middle, and High School Teacher Essays: <https://www.sar.org/education/>; submit questions and entries to Ed Rigel at [edrigel@gmail.com](mailto:edrigel@gmail.com).

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ufh2tq>: 6-12: MS Essay (2023-24 Theme: *"How Are You Inspired by America?");* HS Audio-Essay (2023-24 Theme *"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"*) Submit questions and entries to Taylor Mehaffey at [**sr\_vice@vfwpost9143.org**](mailto:sr_vice@vfwpost9143.org)**.**

**Congressional Art Competition**: [Art Competition | Representative Mccormick (house.gov)](https://mccormick.house.gov/services/art-competition). 9-12: See website for details. For more information contact Suzanne Swain at Congressman McCormick’s Cumming office [Suzanne.swain@mail.house.gov](mailto:Suzanne.swain@mail.house.gov).

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|  | **Fleet Reserve Association (Grades 7-12)** | **Daughters of the American Revolution (grades 5-12)** | **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library& Museum (grades 9-12)** | **Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (10- 12; Teachers)** | **National Center for State Courts (grades 3-12)** | **National Flag Day Foundation (grades 4-12)** |
| DEC ‘23 | 1: Essay deadline | 5: Essay due date |  |  |  |  |
| JAN ‘24 |  |  | 12: Essay due date |  |  |  |
| FEB ‘24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar  ‘24 |  |  |  |  | 22: Essay due date |  |
| APR ‘24 |  |  |  | 30: Teachers due date |  | 15: Essay due date |
| Jun ‘24 |  |  |  | 16: McCullough Essay due |  |  |

**Fleet Reserve Association**: American Essay contest (7-12): [Essay Contest (fra.org)](https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/7_12th_Grade_Essay_Contest/Web/Content/Essay_Contest.aspx?hkey=707c4b42-2eb8-4992-9d57-31b8bd14c68a). Theme for 2023-24: “What Memorial Day Means to Me" Maximum of 350 words. Submit questions to Keith Deakins, [keithdeakins@comcast.net](mailto:keithdeakins@comcast.net) ; (770) 296-7528 . Mail entries to Keith Deakins at 4558 Lost Mountain Ct., Powder Springs, GA 30127-1052.

**Daughters of the American Revolution.** Grades 5-8 Essay contest (2022-23 Theme: *Delegate to Second Continental Congress*, 600-1,000 words) [DAR Essay flyer 2022 grd 5\_6\_7\_8 v2.pdf - Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hPTTBqFCpI6z9jAPGITXDgWlzW4qc0lG/view); Grades 9-12 Essay contest (2022-23 Theme: *Patriots of the American Revolution*) 800-1,200 words; [DAR Essay flyer 2022 HS 8-12 v2.pdf - Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HzsVpzakvST3gZsuEIRCieSX9z37WMMo/view). Contact Jeannie Fulbright at [me@jeanniefulbright.com](mailto:me@jeanniefulbright.com) for PDF containing detailed instructions. [Essay Contests | Daughters of the American Revolution (dar.org)](https://www.dar.org/national-society/education/essay-contests)

**John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum**. Profile in Courage Essay (9-12): [Contest Topic and Information | JFK Library](https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/contest-topic-and-information). 700-1,000 word essay on an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917.

**Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History**: Teacher of the Year (K-12): [gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy); McCullough Essay (1,500-2,500 words; grades 10, 11, 12): [David McCullough Essay Prizes | Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/richard-gilder-history-prize/david-mccullough-essay-prizes).

**National Center for State Courts:** “ Civic Education Essay Contest” (100 words for 3-8; 250 words for 9-12). [Civics Education Essay Contest | NCSC](https://www.ncsc.org/education-and-careers/civics-education/contest). 2023 Theme: “Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration.”

**National Flag Day Foundation**: Essay contest; theme “What the Flag Means to Me.” (150 words for 4 and 5; 250 words for 6 and 7; 500 words for 8-12). [Essay Contest | National Flag Day Foundation](http://www.nationalflagday.com/essay-contest).

Maximum Cash/Scholarship Awards

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|  | Elementary School  Ages 6-10 | Middle School  Ages 11-13 | High School  Ages 14-18 |
| American Legion Oratorical | N/A | N/A | $25,000 |
| American Legion Boys/Girls State | N/A | N/A | Week-long Government Leadership Development |
| Constituting America | $100 + PR | $200 + PR | $1,000 + PR |
| Constituting America Teacher | $2,000 | | |
| Constituting America Exemplary Citizen Award |  |  | $4,540 |
| National History Day Student | N/A | $1,000 | $1,000 |
| National History Day Teacher | N/A | $10,000 | $10,000 |
| National History Day Scholarship |  |  | Three partial or full |
| Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) | $200 | $300 | $500 - $6,000 (Essay)  $250 - $8,000 (Oration)  $500 - $5,000 (JROTC) |
| SAR Teacher | $5,000 approx. | $5,000 approx. | $5,000 approx. |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars | N/A | $500 - $5,000 + DC Trip | $1,000 - $35,000 + DC Trip |
| Gilder Lehrman Teacher of the Year | N/A | N/A | Teacher of Year: ($1,000 State & $10,000 National) |
| Gilder Lehrman David McCullough Essay | N/A | N/A | Ten awards $1,000 - $10,000 |
| Fleet Reserve Association | N/A | $1,500 National winner + $1,000/$750/$500 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place at each grade level (7-12) | |
| Daughters of the American Revolution | N/A | Monetary awards for National Level winners in all three contests for first through third place. National winners also win a trip to DC for the DAR Continental Congress in June. | |
| John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum | N/A | N/A | $10,000 plus trip to Boston for Profile in Courage Award event. $100-$3,000 for next 16 student finalists |
| National Center for State Courts | $100-300 (3-5); $100-400 (6-8); $250-1,000 (9-12) | | |
| National Flag Day Foundation | $250 | $250 | $250 |
| Congressional Art Competition | N/A | N/A | Artwork will hang in the Congressional Cannon Tunnel. |