



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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Dear Teachers/Leaders/Parents,

Thank you so much for encouraging your children to participate in the Junior American Citizens Contests this year, as we explore “Sparkling in the Stars with the 50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program.” Each entry should incorporate the theme except for the Community Service Contest.

You are certainly making a difference in our children’s lives and their appreciation of this great country. What they are learning today will influence the kind of American citizens they will become in the future.

In order to provide opportunities for all children to be winners, we will be judging each grade on four levels. On the JAC entry form is the direction: “Please circle in which group this entry should be judged: Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4.” This form stays with each child’s entry throughout the judging process.

The following is the code that you will circle on the entry form for our judges:

Group 1 = Gifted Artist/Writer Group 2 = General

Group 3 = Special Needs/Special Effort Group 4 = Non-declared/Unspecified

This information will be carefully protected by our judges and no award medal or certificate will indicate a special group. If the group is not selected on the entry form, the entry will be judged under Group 4. Please help us to make sure that no identifying labels of achievement levels is ever given out to the news media.

Thank you again for your commitment to our wonderful children.

Sincerely,

The JAC Committee
National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution



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JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONTEST GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS/LEADERS/PARENTS

2023–2024 Theme:

“Sparkling in the Stars with the 50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program”

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution created the Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee to promote good citizenship and appreciation of American heritage and history among every school-age child in the United States. The JAC Committee offers contests in art, creative expression, and community service. This packet contains instructions for entering JAC Contests.

JAC CONTEST RULES

Contests are conducted without regard to gender, race, color, religion, or national origin. All children in pre-school through grade 12 are encouraged to participate; however, pre-school and kindergarten students may participate only in the banner and group community service project categories. Youth groups such as scout troops, C.A.R. societies, and service organizations, as well as schools, may participate in the contests. Entries are judged by grade on four levels (gifted artist/writer, general, special needs/special effort and non-declared unspecified) so that every child may enter the contest regardless of ability. This information is carefully guarded and no certificate or award medal will indicate a specific level.

All entries except community service **must** follow the above theme and meet the specifications of the category entered. Each entry must have a legible, fully completed entry form securely attached to the reverse side. Group entries are accepted in the banner and community service categories only. A group must have three to five in the banner category only. In the community service category, a group is composed of three or more members. All members of a group should be listed with their individual grade.

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Deadline for returning entries to the DAR chapter Friday, November 10, 2023



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JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE CONTEST CATEGORIES

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ART CONTEST

- **Poster:** Individual entry. Grades 1-12 – Design a poster using the theme. Original art work only, not from other sources. Minimum size: 8-1/2" x 11" Maximum size 22" x 28". Poster may be laminated or placed in a protective sleeve. May be submitted using any form of drawing or painting. NOTE: The poster does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

- **Stamp Design:** Individual entry. Grades 1-12 – Design a postal stamp using the theme. **Original art work only.** Exact size: 5" x 7" drawn in the center of an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper. The paper should be white because the vast majority of envelopes are white, thus the stamp design is viewed in the way it would actually be used. Stamp designs may be laminated or placed in a protective sleeve. May be submitted using any form of drawing or painting. NOTE: The stamp does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

- **Photo Essay:** Individual entry. Grades 1-12 – The student will submit not more than 25 color photographs illustrating the theme. These photos must be the original photos taken by the child. The photos should be mounted with glue on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Brief captions may appear on each page. Include a title page. Remember, this is an ART contest, your pictures should tell the story.

- **Banner:** Groups of three to five only, Pre-K through Grade 12. All members of a group should be listed with their individual grades. Design an original banner using the theme. Size: Use a 1:3 ratio, to a maximum size of 16" x 48". Banners may be paper or fabric. If the banner has support rods, do not submit them. Objects attached to banners should be glued or sewn on securely. For the safety of the judges, do not use straight or safety pins. NOTE: The banner does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

- **Digital:** **Individual entry. Grades 1-12.** Design an original digital image using the theme. **Digital art must be original work** without the use of clip and/or stock art, logo, trademarks or otherwise display copyrighted content which does not belong to the participant. Maximum size of 8" x 10" (2400 x 3000 pixels–300 DPI). Digital art may be submitted hard copy or in JPG or PNG format and should not exceed 5MB. NOTE: The digital art does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST

- **Poem:** **Individual entry. Grades 1-12 –** Write an original poem, any style, of 300 words or fewer using the theme. Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, either ruled or plain. Poems may be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection.
- **Short Story:** **Individual entry. Grades 1-12 –** Write an original short story of 1,000 words or fewer using the theme. The story may be written from the first person or third person point of view. * Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper, either ruled or plain. Short stories may be placed in a plastic sleeve for protection.
* While a short story may contain historical places and people, it is a work of fiction. It is not a report.
- **Graphic Novel/Comic:** **Individual entry. Grades 1-12 –** Design an original graphic novel/comic using the theme. Entries should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper and may contain 6–10 squares per page. Maximum size of the novel should be no more than 5 pages. May be submitted using any form of drawing or painting. NOTE: The Graphic novel/comic does not have to have the actual theme on the artwork but should follow the theme.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

- **Community Service:** **Individual entry or group of three or more members Pre-K through Grade 12.** Groups may be mixed. All members of a group should be listed with their individual grades. Entries should consist of no more than 15 color photographs with a descriptive text of 500 words or fewer. Identify all photographs with captions. Photographs for this contest may include pictures of the children. NOTE: Students can enter the Community Service Conest (Individual or Group) as well as one entry into either an Art Contest or Creative Expression Contest.

Confidential Information for Judges and Teachers/Leaders Only!

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Please make sure that this group information is not given out to the news media.

Please detach this section before copying or distributing the entry forms to protect the privacy of the children.

JAC CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Category _____ Grade _____

Contestant's or group's full name _____

JAC Club/School/Group (circle one). Specific name teacher & school _____

If group entry, please attach a list of students in the group and their grade

Address _____

Please check the group in which you would like this entry to be judged:

Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Group 4

Name of the sponsoring DAR chapter, town and state _____

Name, address, e-mail address and phone number of DAR chapter contact person

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