

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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DAR GOOD CITIZENS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Dependability Service Leadership Patriotism The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest are intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools in good standing with their state boards of education or a recognized accrediting organization such that a General Educational Development (GED) test is not required to receive a high school diploma. United States citizenship is not required. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of:

truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality, and being worthy of trust cooperation, courtesy, and contributing to the welfare of others personality, self-control, ability to assume responsibility, ability to inspire others, and a decision-maker devotion to and support of one's country, supporting service members and veterans, working for causes that make one's community stronger, and appreciating the cultural and historical importance of America's unique population

Each school may use a method of its own choice. Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen. Each school's DAR Good Citizen receives a DAR Good Citizens pin and certificate. This student is eligible, if they wish, to enter the DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest. (If not included, the contest forms and instructions may be obtained from the contact person listed below.) The DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest consists of three parts.

Parts I & II consist of a student's personal information and a description of their qualities. These parts may be completed at home.

Part III is a timed essay to be administered under the supervision of a faculty or DAR member. It must be completed in one sitting, within a two-hour time limit, and without assistance, using only a dictionary. Each contest entry is evaluated by independent, non-DAR judges. The winning entry is advanced through state, division, and national levels of judging.

DAR Good Citizens who enter the scholarship contest are eligible for the awards beyond the chapter level. Each state winner receives an award in the amount of at least \$500 and a special state DAR Good Citizens pin and certificate. Each of the eight division (multi-state groups) winners will receive a cash award in the amount of \$1,000. A national winner will be invited to Washington, D.C., to attend Continental Congress and will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship, an inscribed silver bowl and a certificate.