



The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

The Pierre Georges Rousseau Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. The contest is open to all students attending public, parochial, private or home school students in that same grade range. The preliminary rounds of the contest begin within St. Tammany

Parish in mid-to-late March. The winner of the Northshore competition will advance to the state competition in Baton Rouge in April, and the winner of that competition will compete nationally at the 129th Annual SAR Congress in Costa Mesa, California in July.

The oration is to be five to six minutes in length and should be based on a compelling Revolutionary War subject that is directly related to current national issues and patriotism. Evidence of historical research and creative presentation are also important. The oration will be judged based upon its composition, delivery, significance, and historical accuracy and relevance.

Winner of the Chapter competition in mid-to-late March will receive \$250.

Winner of the State competition on April 6th in Baton Rouge will receive \$500.00 and have their expenses paid to attend the national competition in California on July 7th.

Three cash awards are given to the top contestants in the National Oration Contest. The National First Place Winner receives \$5,000; the 2nd Place Runner-up receives \$3,000, and the 3rd Place Runner-up receives \$2,000 cash prize. Each also receives an Olympic-sized medal. All other finalists (4th through 6th Place runners-up) are awarded \$400, and all other national contestants are awarded \$200.

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