Sons of the American Revolution
Andrew Jackson Chapter, Nashville, Tennessee

Eagle Scout Contest 2026

What Is It?
A contest where an Eagle Scout, still actively engaged in Scouting and not yet eighteen years old, can submit an essay on a patriotic theme of no more than 500 words, to the Sons of the American Revolution. An essay might be a biography of a Revolutionary War person, an analysis of an aspect of civil government, or a review of a military battle or event. In addition the Scout must also submit a report on their Scouting career and information on their family ancestors, back to their great grandparents.

What is the Sons of the American Revolution?
It is a fraternal organization composed of men who have an ancestor or ancestors who fought for or supported the Patriot Cause in the American Revolution, which established the United States.

How can an essay be submitted?
An entry can be submitted to any S.A.R. Chapter, but this notice comes from the Andrew Jackson Chapter of the S.A.R., which is in Nashville. (Andrew Jackson fought for the Patriot Cause.) An entry can be submitted to the Eagle Scout Chair of the Andrew Jackson Chapter: Dan E. Pomeroy, 5524 Hill Road, Brentwood, TN 37027; danpomeroy3@gmail.com; 615-430-3967. There is no entry fee.

Is there a prize?
Yes, there are prizes at various levels. The winner selected by the Andrew Jackson Chapter will receive $100. That entry will be forwarded to the State of Tennessee Committee, and the winner at that level will receive $1,500. The state winner will be sent to the national S.A.R., and the national winner will receive $10,000. The national runner-up will receive $6,000; 3rd place, $4,000; 4th, $2,000; 5th, $1,000; 6th-10th, $500 each; 11-15, $200 each.

Is there anything that must be submitted in addition to the essay?
Yes, there are two other important parts: the essayist must submit an official entry form and also trace their family back four generations (to great-grandparents) and submit that family information on a generation chart.

Where can I find the entry and family forms or further information?
The competition is officially the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. Forms and further information can be found by doing an online search for the Arthur and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. The information there includes a definition of the Patriotic Essay, sample essays, and previous winners. For application purposes, the TN chair is Mr. Mark Jefferson Lawrence (MJLawrence61@yahoo.com).

What is the deadline?
Entries should be submitted to the Andrew Jackson S.A.R. chapter by 22 November 2026, to allow time for review and possible editing. An entry may be submitted by email, but a signed entry should be received by surface mail by the end of November.

What if I have questions?
Contact Dan E. Pomeroy (see contact information above under how to submit an essay)