



# Elementary School Poster Contest

**Deadline to submit - March 15**

## INTRODUCTION

The National Society SAR developed the Elementary School Poster Contest to help stimulate interest in and aid the study of American History in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum. In addition to all students attending public, private, parochial, or home schools, this contest also includes Cub Scouts, Brownies, Children of the American Revolution, and other youth organizations recognized by the NSSAR Council of Youth Programs Committee.

Participants from organizations other than schools must be of equivalent age for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, whichever year that they teach American History in the specific school district. If they teach American History in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition at the discretion of the NSSAR Council of Youth Programs. Judging of ALL entries will be on an equal basis regardless of point of origin. The theme for the Poster Contest rotates annually based on whether the school year ends in an odd number or an even number. For academic years ending in odd numbers, the theme shall be "**Revolutionary War Person or Persons**". (e.g. 2022-2023) For academic years ending in even numbers, the theme shall be "**Revolutionary War Event or Events**". (e.g. 2023-2024). As our nation is looking toward America250, or Semiquincentennial, we might suggest art that may highlight some significant anniversary that occurs within the theme of that year.

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. All posters must be two-dimensional. We will not accept or allow any three-dimensional entries.
2. Submitted posters shall be on either traditional flexible poster board, 22 inches x 28 inches or foamed backed poster board, 20 inches x 30 inches.
3. The students name cannot be on the front of the poster.
4. Computer aided graphics designed material may be used on the posters. However, this material must be of original design and is limited to no more than fifty percent of the poster. We will not allow commercially produced or printed material such as clip art. Use of trademarked or copyrighted material will be grounds for disqualification.
5. Each local school winner will compete at the chapter level. Each chapter winner will compete on the state society level. Each state society winner will compete on the national level.
6. The National Committee will only accept one (1) entry from each State Society.
7. Original art posters must be mailed, or delivered to the NJSSAR Education Chair, Roger S. Williams, roger@princetonsar.org by March 15th. Send to 17 Paddock Dr., Maidenhead, NJ 08648
8. **STRONGLY RECOMMEND:** Copy centers (e.g. Staples, Kinko's, etc.) have special copiers for large items. Original Art be taken to a copy center to be digitally preserved.
9. All posters will have a copy of the entry form affixed to the back of the poster. The NJSSAR Education Committee will not consider the attached form as the official entry form. We will use the attached form to identify the poster for judging and retrieval purposes.
10. The NJSSAR Education Committee members will conduct judging of the posters at the Committee meeting held during the annual Lexington Concord Luncheon. -

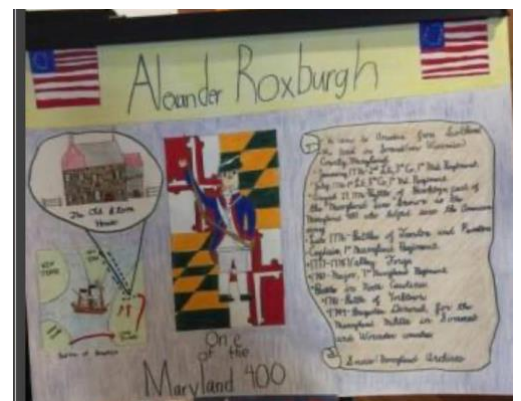
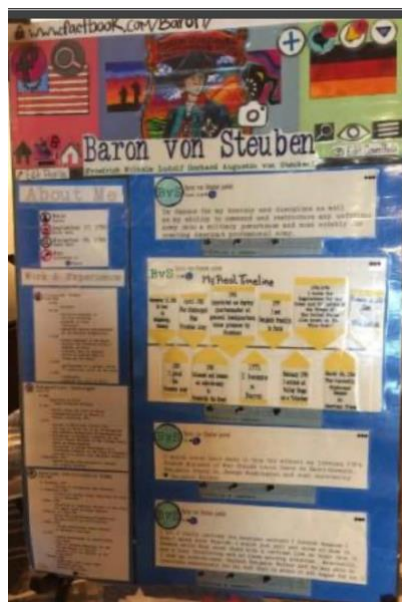
## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Does the poster express the annual theme?
2. Does the poster show originality by the student?
3. Does the poster show evidence of research?
4. Does the poster show artistic merit and creativity?
5. Does the poster accurately reflect the historical event?
6. Is the poster neat and visually pleasing?

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- **Winner: \$100, plus SAR Certificate**
- **Honorable Mentions: \$25, plus SAR Certificate**

## EXAMPLES



## WHERE TO SUBMIT

Submissions are made at the chapter level. NJSSAR has thirteen chapters that represent the twenty-one counties. To contact the chapter in your county, go to <https://www.njssar.org/njssar-chapters>

## QUESTIONS?

Contact your local chapter or the NJSSAR Chair, Roger S. Williams, [roger@princetonsar.org](mailto:roger@princetonsar.org), 609-389-5657

*Thank you!*