



Paul Carrington Chapter SAR

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Instructions for Youth Good Citizenship Awards

The Paul Carrington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) annually presents Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pins and SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals, plus certificates, to students within the Houston metropolitan area. However, we must receive nominations of deserving students for these awards to be presented.

The **SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin** recognizes deserving students for achieving high ideals of character and citizenship. This award can be presented to youth in middle school through college or university. Examples could include: youth who participated in UIL speech/debate competitions on American History or patriotic topics; those with the highest grades in American History and/or U.S. Government; outstanding freshmen JROTC cadets; organized voter registration drives; participated in the Mayor's Youth Council; led and/or participated in community service projects; participated in HAMUN, Wreaths Across America, *America 250* events, or other similar civic and patriotic activities; etc.



The **SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** recognizes students whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community, or state. This medal is authorized for presentation to students, usually nominated by their principal, but other educators or adult leaders can nominate them.

Qualification for the medal focuses on the student's community and/or school involvement. For example, students who have made significant contributions through their service to the community would qualify.



High school and college youth are eligible for this medal based on the student's school involvement. For example, a student with the highest grades in American History, one with the best record in citizenship, or based on a student's overall scholarship and citizenship, would qualify. JROTC SMIs can present this to outstanding seniors. Generally speaking, the medal recognizes a student's leadership and excellence of character, scholarship, and citizenship.

This medal is authorized for presentation to a cadet in the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps upon the recommendation of their commanding officer. It replaces the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal for Sea Cadets. A ribbon bar is available when presented to Cadets (JROTC & Sea Cadets).

Both awards can be presented at a school's annual awards ceremony, a SAR chapter meeting, graduation ceremony, or another mutually agreed upon venue. They are also available for presentation to qualified adults. These could include teachers, administrators, coaches, and others. If you wish to nominate an adult for either award, please contact the Chapter President to obtain an *Outstanding Adult Citizenship Medal Nomination* form. A parental media permission/release form will be required for all minors approved for a medal/award.



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Outstanding Youth Medal Nomination

Date: _____

Academic Year: _____ to _____

Select one: Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Nominee's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____

School Address:

School Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Nominator's Information:

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Name: _____ Position: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Describe how the nominee qualifies for the award (you may attach additional pages):

Award Ceremony Information

Date: _____ Day of the Week: _____ Start Time: _____

Location: _____

Directions, parking information, or other information needed for presenter:

Good Citizenship Chairman:

Email Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

Once you have completed the form, save it, and email the completed nomination form as an *attachment* to the above Youth Awards Chairman's email address.



Parent/Guardian Permission & Release Form

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Eagle Scout Scholarship/Certificate
 C.A.R. Scholarship Contest
 Knight Essay Scholarship Contest
 Good Citizenship Award/Medal

Orations Scholarship Contest
 Poster/Brochure Contest
 JROTC Bronze Medal/ Scholarship Contest

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ (child's name, hereinafter the "Participant"). I am familiar with the above-designated award program(s) or contest(s) of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereinafter the "Program") and am willing to and hereby give my consent to have the Participant participate in the Program(s) identified above. The Participant shall abide by the Program's rules as determined in the sole discretion of the Society; Participant understands that failure to abide by the rules of the Program and this Agreement shall be grounds for disqualification.

I hereby assign and grant to the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution and its local chapters (hereinafter the "Society") the right and permission to use and publish photographs/film/videotape/electronic representations and/or sound recordings of me or the Participant at all Sons of the American Revolution activities and to have the photographs, film, videotape, or electronic representations and/or sound recordings and any other materials related to the Program (including but not limited to essays, posters, and written scripts, or transcribed oral presentations) published in newspapers or other periodicals or in other media, such as television or radio, including those of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution or of the state and national societies of the Sons of the American Revolution or in any other public record including postings to the Internet on the web sites of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the state and national societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. All materials submitted to the Society as part of a Program, including all copyrights to the same (hereinafter the "Materials"), shall become the sole property of the Society. All content in the Materials shall be original Material unless prior written permission to republish has been granted to the Participant, and such right is transferred in writing to the Society prior to submission. Society shall have all rights relating to the Materials, including the right to create derivative works that include the Material in whole or in part. Use of Materials by the Society does not guarantee that the Participant is a winner of a Program, nor obligate the Society to compensate the Participant or me in any way. I hereby release and hold harmless the Society, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with a Program from any and all liability related in any way to the Participant's participation in the Program and from the use and publication of photos, video and other materials authorized by this Agreement. The Society is not responsible for any errors or omissions or anything else (including but not limited to the failure of audio-video equipment, technical malfunctions, deletions, errors in transmissions, and human error) relating to the Program. I also indemnify and hold harmless the Society for any violation of copyright or other intellectual property right brought against the Society for the use or publication of non-original materials included in the Materials.

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I hereby request that the child's surname not be published but instead be referred to only by the first letter of the last name (for example, instead of using John Doe, John D. would be used.)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

X _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Biographical Information

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Please use additional paper if needed.

Mr. Ms. _____
First *Middle* *Last*

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Private/Parochial Public School District: _____

School Activities (clubs, JROTC, athletics, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

Community Activities (religious, Scouting, volunteer, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

Post-Secondary Plans:

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Save the form before entering information for this Outstanding Youth Medal Nomination Form. Replace the file name with the following format: *Doe John – Outstanding Youth Medal Nomination Form.pdf*. The choice of the folder you save the document is your choice.

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1. Click the PDF file’s icon in the Finder to select it.
2. Choose file> Get Info.
3. Click the triangle next to Open With.
4. Choose Adobe Reader from the Open with menu (if not on the list, choose “Other”).
5. Click Change All.

If you still have a problem with this form, please contact the Chapter’s Youth Awards Chairman at the bottom of the form.