

Outstanding American History Teacher Contest

Application Due to Chapter by December 31

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence Outstanding American History Teacher Award is the result of a national contest in which local SAR Chapters select their candidates for the State Society Contest (in this case, TXSSAR) for which there is a State Award. The winner of the State contest is submitted for consideration at the National (NSSAR) level.

Those teachers whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800 may enter the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Contest. The award is open to all teachers at the Elementary, Middle, or High school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution.

Both application forms and release forms can be obtained from the NSSAR [Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award page](#).

Texas Society Contest Rules -

General

The NSSAR Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Award rules will apply to the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding American History Teacher. The Texas Society Outstanding History Teacher will be automatically entered in the NSSAR contest. The rules are also available on the NSSAR web site www.sar.org under the Youth/Education tab.

Texas Society Awards

There will only be a first-place winner but there will be 3 contests now; elementary school, middle school, and high school. We will have a winner in each category. **Each category winner will receive a Certificate and one first place winner will be selected from the three category winners.** The Texas overall winner will have a choice in their award. They can receive a cash award of \$1,500.00 or they can elect to have a week of education experience with all expenses paid by the Texas Society. It is estimated that this award is worth about \$3,500.00. The winner will receive travel expenses to attend the Texas SAR Convention not to exceed \$270.00.

Each category winner will be entered in the national contest where National Awards are possible.

National Awards

Each state winner will be entered into the National Contest and the National Committee will pick one winner for each category. Each National category winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to attend a seminar trip to the Freedom Foundation Graduate Workshop in Valley Forge, PA which includes tuition and expenses. They will receive a \$500 cash prize and a \$500 reimbursement for educational supplies and materials related to the American Revolution they can buy for their classes. Also, in addition to this \$4,000 value one teacher will be invited to attend the Sons of the American Revolution Congress with travel expenses up to \$1,000 will be covered.

How to Enter

1. Carefully read the entry rules for the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award.
2. Submit the required forms and letters to a local chapter by December 31.
3. Contact the nearest local SAR chapter by logging on to www.txssar.org or email contest chairman [Kermit L. Breed](#).
4. The local chapter will judge their entries and send the chapter winner information to Kermit L. Breed who will form a committee to judge the state winner.

Entry Package

1. Complete the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award entry form.
2. 1000 word essay.
3. Two signed letters of recommendation.
4. One page bio.
5. Release & Discharge form (attached).
6. All materials must be typed/printed on 8½” x 11” paper.
7. All materials will remain the property of the NSSAR.

Travel Expenses

The Outstanding American History Teacher Contest winners will be reimbursed according to the Travel and Convention Expense Allowance schedule for travel to the TXSSAR state convention.

Award recipients are responsible for any/all other costs including additional meals. If there are any questions about reimbursements, please contact the Chairman of your respective contest.