General William D. McCain Scholarship Award

Arkansas Division ~ Sons of Confederate Veterans
Essay Contest Rules and Guidelines

Local Camp Instructions

Individual students complete the essay and application form and forward it to the local SCV Camp.

Address Essay are to be Sent To:
Essays submitted in competition for the McCain Scholarship shall be returned to the address of the local sponsoring camp. The local camp will pick a winner for their camp. After judging, the winning essay at the Camp level shall be forwarded to the Division for final judging **by March 15th**; all other essays shall be compiled and submitted separately to the Division Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Judging Level 1 – Local Camp.
The local Camp officers and volunteers will serve as the judges for all essays submitted through that camp. (Individuals, who will serve as judges at the Division level, however may not serve as judges at Camp level.) Each Camp will present the scholarship program to the high school(s) in their community and surrounding area. The local camp will furnish each school with entry forms, the camp's mailing address, and a Camp point of contact for the scholarship program.. Once the deadline for submitting essay has passed, the local Camp scholarship judges will review all essays submitted and select the one best essay for submission to Division level. This winning essay will be sent to the Essay Chairman (mail or email) and brought to the Arkansas Division Reunion for final judging for award of the scholarship. The winning essay shall be sent to the Chairman, Arkansas Division Essay Contest **by March 15th**.

Judging Level 2 – Division.
The Division Officers (Commandeer, Lt. Commanders, and Adjutant) will serve as the judges for the final scholarship award. If a Division officer has previously served as a judge at Camp level, he may not serve as a Division judge in that same year's competition. The Division officers will select the single best essay from those submitted by the Camps; this winner will be awarded the McCain Scholarship for that year.

Ties:
In case of a tie at the local camp, the 1st Lt. Commander shall cast the tie-breaking vote. At Division level, the Division 1st Lt. Commander shall cast the tie-breaker.

Essay Winner Announcement:
The winner of the McCain Scholarship will be notified by mail by the Division Commander, or by the Adjutant on behalf of the Commander. The location and date of the scholarship presentation will be included in this notification. The Camp Commander of the sponsoring Camp will make the presentation to the winning student.

Additional Info:
In the event that no essays are submitted for judging, the funds for that year shall remain in the Scholarship Fund Account.

CAMP DONATIONS:
The William D. McCain Scholarship is funded by the $1.00 increase in Division dues. Any Camps wishing to donate additional money may do so to the current Arkansas Division Adjutant.

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Who May Quality? Any 11th or 12th grade High School student who is currently an Arkansas resident and who is presently attending a public, private, or home school in Arkansas. Entrant must have been a resident for at least one year.

Length and format of essay: Minimum of 1,000 words, typed and double-spaced on plain white 8 ½" x 11" typing paper. Historic content is the primary consideration for judging the essays. The essay must include an outline, and be appropriately footnoted to document your sources of information.

Deadline for Submittal: All essays must be submitted to the local SCV Camp for judging not later than March 1. (Current Arkansas Division Year.)

Award Presentation Date: The winner will be notified by mail by the Arkansas Division Commander and or Camp Commander. The location and date of the presentation will be included in this notification. The Camp Commander of the sponsoring camp will make the presentation of the scholarship award.

Subject of Essay: Any topic of Southern History in the United States between May 14, 1607 (founding of Jamestown, Virginia) to the end of World War II (September 1945).

Title of Essay: To be selected by the entrant. Some past examples included: "George Washington Carver Scientist from the Ozarks"; "My Favorite General from Arkansas"; "Arkansas's Role in World War I"; "The Flood of 1927". Your choice of title is unrestricted.

Amount of Award: $500 award to be presented by check from the Arkansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Returned Essays: Submitted essays will not be returned and become the property of the Arkansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Application: An application form must be included with the submitted essay. You may obtain an application form from your local SCV Camp.

Where to Apply: Send the completed essay, along with the application to:

Scholarship Committee
Due: 1st of March

Mail to:

(Local Camp)

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Arkansas Division - Essay Contest Application

Student's Name: _____

Are you an Arkansas Resident? Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____
(Street Address)

_____
(City, State, ZIP Code)

Home Phone ( ) _____ - _____ School Ph ( ) _____ - _____

e-mail Address: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of School: _____

I am in the _____ th Grade. My Grade Point Avg: _____ My Graduation date is: _____

What College or University do you plan to attend? _____

My High School Principal is: _____

My History/Social Studies/Civics Teacher is: _____

My essay is attached to this form. This essay is my own original work. I have been an Arkansas Resident for at least one year prior to today's date. All of the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date

Sponsoring Local SCV Camp: _____

Camp Commander's Name: _____

Camp Commander's Address: _____

Due: 1st of March
Mail to:

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