

## Eagle Scout Recognition & Scholarship Contest Sons of the American Revolution

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For nearly a century, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, actively supporting Scouting programs that build character and good citizens. President Theodore Roosevelt, a distinguished SAR member and ardent supporter of the Scouting movement, earned the distinction of being the first and only person designated as the *Chief Scout Citizen*. In 1980, the ties between the SAR and Scouting were further strengthened by establishing its Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Contest.

## **Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate**

This program provides a Certificate of Recognition to a new Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout, their parent(s)/guardian(s), or their unit can submit a request form for a Certificate. Once completed, return it to the email address on the form.

The Certificate is presented to Eagle Scouts at their Eagle Courts of Honor. In addition to the Certificate, Eagle Scouts receive a special limited edition patch.



Typically, if requested, we would strive to have a SAR member attend the Eagle Court of Honor to present the Certificate and patch. However, alternative arrangements can be made if scheduling conflicts or public health considerations prevent holding an in-person ceremony. We are happy to work with units to have Eagle Scouts receive their Certificates and patches.

Requests for a certificate can be downloaded at: https://tinyurl.com/yc4fwak9

## **Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest**

For the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest, Chapter, State, and the National Societies give out over \$33,000 in scholarship awards. An Eagle Scout who wins at each level could potentially receive \$13,500 from their participation (award amounts may be adjusted annually).

Currently registered Eagle Scouts in an active unit who have not reached their 19th birthday in the calendar year of their application are eligible to apply for the contest. The year in which the Eagle Scout Award was awarded is not restricted. The contest requires submitting an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, a 500-word essay, and a completed permission and release form to the local SAR Chapter.

Interested Eagle Scouts should submit a <u>Contest Interest Form</u> to <u>SHAC.SAR@gmail.com</u> before starting. It is a fact that Eagle Scouts who have worked with the Chapter's Eagle Scout Chairman in completing their submission package are much more successful than those who enter the contest without any guidance. In addition, while the requirements are relatively straightforward, the ranking of contestants can come down to grammatical usage in an essay or how the application is completed between two equally ranked contestants. Therefore, the Chapter's Eagle Scout Chair can assist Eagle Scouts in improving their chance of success. The deadline for submitting all forms for this contest is <u>December 31</u>.

The Chapter winner will be presented with a medal, a certificate, a patch, and a cash award. They will be entered into the Texas Society's contest. The state society's winner will receive the SAR Eagle Trophy, a certificate, and \$3,500 in scholarship funds. In addition, the state's 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will be submitted to the National Society for consideration. The National 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive an additional \$10,000 award and will be flown to the SAR Annual Congress in July to receive it. Please note that runners-up at the state and national levels also receive scholarships. Eagle Scouts may enter the contest for every year in which they are eligible.

A brochure is available for download at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/bdftazye</u> For more information, contact <u>SHAC.SAR@gmail.com</u> for more details on either program.