

NSDAR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD NOMINATION GUIDELINES

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD: To recognize distinguished historical literary works of non-fiction and or biographies that have made contribution to the body of historical knowledge or added new information to previously familiar materials for the young reader.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF AN OUTSTANDING BOOK:

The literary work must be:

1. Historical non-fiction or biography.
2. Focused on American history from the Early Colonial Period (1607 – landing at Jamestown) through the Federalist Period (1801 – Jefferson's first Inauguration.)
3. Written in English.
4. Published during the past five years.
5. Peer reviewed.
6. A contribution to American History for which children are the main audience. The book must display respect for children's understandings, abilities, and appreciations. Children are defined as persons of ages up to and including fourteen. Books will be considered for this entire age range.

HOW A CHAPTER OR STATE ORGANIZATION NOMINATES A BOOK FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a) Only one application per year may be submitted by a DAR chapter or state organization.
- b) A single title receiving multiple nominations will be accepted only from the first applicant.
- c) A complete nomination dossier consists of:
 - 1) A brief synopsis of the literary work including any special awards the book has previously received. The synopsis should explain how the literary work makes a contribution to the body of historical knowledge or has added new information to previously familiar materials for the early reader.
 - 2) Peer review statements made by at least three non-DAR persons familiar with the author's work. These statements should be from those eminently familiar with the subject matter and should clearly explain why the nomination is an outstanding literary work on American history for children.
 - 3) A letter of endorsement from the sponsoring DAR chapter or state organization must be included in the packet.
 - 4) A copy of the official application must be placed as the first page of the nomination packet.
 - 5) A copy of the nominated book.
 - 6) All materials in the packet are to be firmly affixed with a paper clip or binder clip.
 - 7) The size of the dossier shall be limited to no more than 20 single-sided 8 ½ " x 11" pages.
- d) The original and 1 photocopy of the complete nomination dossier (for a total of two), shall be sent to the Historian General **prior to December 15.**

**Mail to: Laura McCrillis Kessler, Historian General, NSDAR
Post Office Box 1018, Newport, NH 03773-1018**

HONORING THE NATIONAL WINNER:

The author of the winning nomination will be awarded a certificate.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION

OFFICIAL APPLICATION
NSDAR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

(A copy of this form should be placed as the cover sheet of the application)

PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Title of literary work: _____

Author/authors: _____

Publisher and publication date: _____

Nominating chapter or body: _____

Chapter/State Regent:

Chapter/State Historian:

Address:

Address:

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

ALL SUBMITTED MATERIALS MUST BE COMPUTER-GENERATED OR TYPEWRITTEN.

Nomination Checklist – Please indicate below that you have attached **all** of the following items to this application.

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