



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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RULES FOR THE 2021 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER CONTEST

**Failure to comply with all rules
automatically disqualifies the candidate.**

**All information on the application, including the total number of points,
is strictly confidential and should not be discussed with anyone except for the individual appointed
by the state regent to run the contest, the national vice chair—Outstanding Junior Member Contest,
and national chair of the Junior Membership Committee.**

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Any chapter member *in good standing*, ages 18 through 35 inclusive, may be selected by her chapter as the chapter Outstanding Junior Member. An Outstanding Junior Member should make vital contributions to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at the chapter, state, and/or national levels and be active in her community, furthering the National Society's historical, educational, and patriotic objectives by providing service consistent with the DAR motto, "God, Home and Country."
- b. Each DAR chapter may select one (1) Outstanding Junior Member per year. The candidate must be endorsed by an official motion at a regular chapter meeting occurring between **March 1, 2020**, and **October 30, 2020** (inclusive). The candidate can be endorsed only by the chapter in which she holds active membership. An associate member cannot be endorsed by or take credit for any office or chairmanship held in her associate chapter.
- c. To be eligible to enter the Outstanding Junior Member contest for 2021, a chapter Outstanding Junior Member must have a minimum of ten (10) points as defined in the contest and must not be 36 years of age or older on **October 31, 2020**. *There are no exceptions*. If a chapter Outstanding Junior Member does not meet the point requirements, she can still be her chapter's Outstanding Junior Member, but cannot enter the contest.
- d. A candidate transferring from one chapter to another chapter must be officially transferred by the NSDAR Office of the Organizing Secretary General, Membership Services Department, before her name is submitted for endorsement by the new chapter.
- e. A candidate transferring to a state society must accumulate a minimum of ten (10) points in the new state society after the effective date of her transfer. This rule does not apply to transfer within a state. An exception may be granted to an applicant that is active military duty or the spouse of active military duty who has not accumulated ten (10) additional points in the new state society after the effective date of her transfer due to military assignments.
- f. The national winner, national runner-up, and national finalists can never re-enter the contest. State winners must have a time lapse of three (3) years before competing again. For example, a state winner in the 2017 contest cannot enter in 2018, 2019, or 2020, but can enter this year's contest (2021).

CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Read and follow the “Instructions for Completing the 2021 Outstanding Junior Member Contest Application,” which can be found on the Members’ Website under “Forms” Junior Membership.
- b. Obtain proof of service for each position and for each year claimed in Part III, DAR Leadership. See section E of the instructions for more details on acceptable proof. You must submit acceptable proof for each point claimed.
- c. Complete the original application following the instructions carefully and completely.
- d. Sign the application. Obtain the signatures of the chapter regent and chapter recording secretary and note the date of chapter endorsement. If the candidate is one of these officers, she must obtain the signature of the chapter treasurer. *The candidate cannot sign her own application as chapter regent or chapter recording secretary.*
- e. Send the original application with six (6) photocopies and three (3) sets of documented proof to your state chair of Junior Membership or the person appointed by your state regent to run the contest in your state **postmarked by October 31, 2020**. Applications should be sent by a method so as to be received within four (4) days of being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service or other express-mail type service (such as Federal Express, UPS, or DHL). Obtain and retain proof of mailing. **If the application is postmarked later than October 31, 2020, it will be disqualified.**
- f. Send the “Notification Form” which can be found in the instructions, to the national vice chair–Outstanding Junior Member contest, postmarked by **October 31, 2020**. Please **do not** send this form via any method requiring a delivery signature. The national vice chair–Outstanding Junior Member Contest will confirm receipt of your “Notification Form” via e-mail.

2. JUDGING

- a. Candidates are judged at the state and national levels by panels of three (3) judges consisting of two non-DAR members and one DAR member. At the state level, the DAR judge is an honorary state regent. At the national level, the DAR judge is an honorary president general or a vice president general.
- b. In the event of a three-way tie, the candidate selected by the DAR judge is the winner.

3. STATE WINNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. All state winners are encouraged to attend the Junior Membership luncheon at Continental Congress and the designated presentation night so that their service can be recognized and applauded.
- b. Eight national finalists are selected by the national judges from the group of state winners. All eight national finalists are expected to attend the Junior Membership luncheon and the designated presentation night during Continental Congress.
- c. The national winner and national runner-up are selected from the group of national finalists by the national judges.
- d. The national winner or national runner-up, as national finalists, must attend Continental Congress and be present at the Junior Membership luncheon and the designated presentation night. Extenuating circumstances may be presented on a case-by-case basis to the national vice chair–Outstanding Junior Member Contest and the national chair of Junior Membership, who will consult with the President General.

STATE AND NATIONAL CONTACTS

Questions? Contact the person in your state who has been appointed by the state regent to manage the contest (typically, the state chair of Junior Membership). Further information is available from the national vice chair–Outstanding Junior Member Contest or the national chair of the Junior Membership Committee.