

# Junior American Citizens

*Helping tomorrow's citizens shine brightly today!*

## What is JAC?

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest DAR youth oriented committee
- Its purpose is to teach:
  - Civics and principles of our government
  - Love of country
  - Patriotism
  - American History
  - What it means to be a good citizen:
    - At home
    - In the classroom
    - In an organization
    - In the community
- Build future leaders of America

## Contests

- *Art*
  - **Banner** (Groups of 3-5; Grades Pre-K to 12)
  - **Stamp** (Individual; Grades 1-12)
  - **Poster** (Individual; Grades 1-12)
  - **Photo Essay** (Individual; Grades 1-12)
  - **Digital** (Individual; Grades 1-12)
- *Creative Expression*
  - **Poetry** (Individual; Grades 1-12)
  - **Short Story** (Individual; Grades 1-12)
- *Community Service*
  - Individual; Grades 1-12
  - Groups of 3 or more; Grades PreK-12. Can be mixed ages
  - Great project for a JAC Club!

*3 Group Levels for every contest*

1 – Gifted; 2 - General; 3 – Special Needs

*800+ National Awards are presented each year*

## Clubs

- Meet as often as every day or as little as once per year
- Can form in conjunction with other groups:
  - Scouts
  - C.A.R.
  - Church Youth Groups
  - Home School Groups
  - Classrooms
  - 4-H Clubs
  - Sports Teams
- Just need a willing leader and a chapter to sponsor them
- Participate in Community Service and Patriotic Activities
- Learn American History and Promote Love of Country

## Junior American Citizen Values

### *As a Junior American Citizen I will:*

- *Show Courtesy and Respect for others;*
- *Be a Team Player - in my family and home, at school, and in my community;*
- *Take care of myself by making healthy choices in the food I eat and by getting exercise;*
- *Learn about American History and the fundamental principles upon which our nation was founded;*
- *Respect the Flag of the United States of America;*
- *Promote Patriotism;*
- *Listen to the ideas of others and learn to express my own ideas, realizing that sometimes we won't agree, but I will look for common ground;*
- *Find an occupation that is best for me, and learn to do it honestly and well;*
- *Do my best to make the right choices and strengthen my character;*
- *When I am old enough to vote, exercise that right and privilege by being informed of the issues and carefully choosing leaders who will represent "we the people" and our American principles;*

*America depends upon her citizens; every day I will strive to be a Good Junior American Citizen.*



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### **2022-2023 Contest Theme**

The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail:  
Moving the Stars and Stripes Westward.

