



*Sons of the American Revolution
Battle Born Patriots Chapter*

2024 Liberty Grant RULES & SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

THE BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WILL AWARD IN 2024 TWO LIBERTY GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 EACH. THE TWO (2) GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR WINNING ESSAYS WHICH REFLECT THE APPLICANT'S BELIEFS AND UNDERSTANDING OF ASPECTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

ESSAY TOPIC:

The essay will address as its subject the following:

The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The members stated their beliefs in that document in regards to the basis of the government they were creating, and specifically that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Please explain your view of the meaning of this phrase, and explain whether you believe that we as a culture are currently promoting and fulfilling that belief.

ESSAY RULES:

1. The total grant awards for 2024, will be \$3,000.
2. The total funds will be divided into two (2) \$1,500 Grants, the awards to be determined via results of an essay contest entitled the *2024 Liberty Grant*.
3. Eligible applicants will be high school juniors and seniors, attending schools in Washoe, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey counties.
4. Submission Deadline Date: Essays will be typewritten (see "Essay Must Include" rules) and must be submitted either by US Mail, or by email attachment using either M/S Word or PDF. If by US Mail, the submission must be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN October 19, 2024; and if by email, SENT NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON October 19, 2024.

US Mail submission(s) must be sent to:

Battle Born Patriots
18124 Wedge Parkway
Suite 548
Reno, NV 89511

Email submissions must be transmitted to

BattleBorn.jim@outlook.com

5. Placement Announcement Date: The essays will be evaluated and the Winning essays will be announced on November 15, 2024.
6. A Presentation event will occur shortly thereafter, at a time and place yet to be determined.

(RULES, CONTINUED)

THE ESSAY MUST INCLUDE:

1. Title of the Essay.
2. Title page must include applicant's name, school, grade, physical home address, phone number & email address.
3. Minimum of 800 and maximum of 1,200 words – excluding title page.
4. 12-point Times New Roman font, and double-spaced.

ESSAY SCORING:

1. Originality.
2. Clarity of thought.
3. Historical Accuracy.
4. Organization.

ESSAY JUDGING:

1. All essays will be judged by a panel of volunteers appointed by the Liberty Grant Committee of the Battle Born Patriots (BBP) Chapter of the S.A.R.
2. The assessment, evaluation, and ranking /placement of all essays by this Panel is final.

A.I. CLAUSE:

The essay writing requirements for the grant have been set forth, however a further appraisal by the grant's panel of volunteer evaluators may require a personal interview with the grant finalist to inquire whether the views and opinions given in their essay are their own, and that the essay actually reflects their personal thoughts and beliefs and personal experiences that have influenced the essay. This also affords the opportunity for the Panel to determine, as a precaution, whether non-original sources or Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) have comprised a major body of the applicant's essay.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions or information regarding this essay contest and scholarship grant, please contact:

David Hess, BBP Chapter President Emeritus, at: hessdf@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in the Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, 2024 Liberty Scholarship Grant, we look forward to hearing from you.

WHO IS THE BATTLE BORN PATRIOTS CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

Founded in 1910, the Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Nevada Society, Sons of the American Revolution is a proud member of a national organization that honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating, and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.