



Sons of the American Revolution
Battle Born Patriots Chapter
Founded 1910



2025 Liberty Award ESSAY TOPIC AND RULES

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Sons Of The American Revolution, is proud to announce the 2025 Liberty Awards. In 2025, two Liberty Awards will be presented for the winning essays, each amounting to \$2,000. These awards will be presented to the authors of essays that best respond to the Essay Topic. Winning essays will demonstrate a mastery of the historical facts and a thoughtful understanding of ideals that informed the American Revolution and our nation's founding documents.

ESSAY TOPIC: The essay will address as its subject the following:

This year on April 19, we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. What were the British objectives? Why was this battle important? In the aftermath of the battle what was its impact on both British and colonial strategies moving forward. What, in your opinion, would have changed if the British had won a decisive victory. Explain your answer in detail.

LIBERTY AWARD RULES:

1. **Please follow these rules exactly. Essays that do not conform to the rules will be immediately disqualified.**
2. Eligible applicants are high school juniors and seniors, attending public, private or home schools in Washoe, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey counties.
3. Contest entries must be submitted as PDF files attached to emails.
4. The essay must have four parts: 1) title page, 2) essay pages, 3) bibliography or works cited, and 4) applicant's biography. The title page, bibliography, and applicant's biography must be listed on separate pages **and no reference to the applicant's name or information can be part of the essay pages or bibliography.**

A) Title Page – The title page must include the following:

- 1) Title of the Essay.
- 2) Applicant's name, grade, address, phone number & email.
- 3) Applicant's high school's name, address & phone number.
- 4) Statement on how applicant learned about the contest (if from the Internet, include the URL of the website).

- B) Essay Pages – The essay must:
- 1) Be a minimum of 800 and a maximum of 1,200 words (excluding title page, footnotes, bibliography, page and biography).
 - 2) First page must include the title.
 - 3) No applicant information is on the essay pages.
 - 4) 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced.
 - 5) Use 8 ½ in. by 11 in. page format with 1in. margins on all sides.
 - 6) Essay pages are numbered sequentially, starting with “1”.
 - 7) No graphics or photos are allowed.
- C) Bibliography pages – The bibliography must:
- 1) Citations in the essay and references in the bibliography must be in accordance with a widely used, publicly available citation system (Examples include the Chicago Manual of Style, the MLA Manual of Style, & the MHRA Style Guide).
 - 2) The bibliography must specify the system used.
 - 3) No applicant information is in the bibliography.
 - 4) Minimum of 5 references, 3 of which must be published works (encyclopedias or internet sources are acceptable but not considered part of the 3 published works).
- D) Biography page - The biography must:
- 1) Limited to one page.
 - 2) Includes academic awards and achievements, school activities, community activities and plans for college.
5. Essays which meet the criteria above will be accepted and judged equally according to the following criteria:
- A) Originality—15 points
 - B) Historical accuracy—15 points.
 - B) Clarity of thought—15 points.
 - C) Organization—10 points.
 - D) Grammar and spelling—5 points.
 - E) Documentation—5 points.

6. Essay Judging:
 - A) All essays will be judged by a panel of volunteers appointed by the Liberty Award Committee of the Battle Born Patriots (BBP) Chapter of the S.A.R.
 - B) The assessment, evaluation, and ranking /placement of all essays by this Panel is final.
7. **Submission Deadline Date:** Essays must be submitted as a PDF file attached to an email. The submission must be SENT NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON OCTOBER 20, 2025.
8. **Email submissions must be transmitted to:** BattleBorn.jim@outlook.com
9. **Winner Announcement Date:** The essays will be evaluated and the Winning essays will be announced on November 15, 2025.
10. The Liberty Award presentation will take place at The Liberty Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

A.I. CLAUSE:

The essay writing requirements for the award have been set forth, however a further appraisal by the award's panel of volunteer evaluators may require a personal interview with the award 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 rules and award presentation, please contact:

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Thank you for your interest in the Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, 2025 Liberty Scholarship Award, 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.

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