

Daughters of the American Revolution, Gila Valley Chapter
**** 2021 Patriotic Essay Contest ****

**A \$500 scholarship to be awarded to the winning essay and
\$250 to two runners-up on the single topic shown below**

Topic for 2021 Essay:

How the U.S. Constitution affects my life, my liberty and my pursuit of happiness.

Requirements:

Must be a student of any grade level at one of the following high schools:

Safford Mt. Graham Thatcher

or

Homeschooled at high school level

and taking **dual enrollment general-education** courses at EAC.

Scholarship money will be sent directly to EAC and used to offset the cost of tuition and books.

****Students in the Gift Program do not qualify since their expenses for courses are covered.****

Rules:

Essay should be between 450-750 words. It should be typed, double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, standard margins. Entries must include a cover sheet with *name, title of topic, grade level, school name, current enrolled course(s) at EAC and contact information to include: mailing address, email address and phone number* of the applicant. No name should appear on the essay itself. Any quotations from books, Internet sites, or other media must be correctly cited. No plagiarism will be countenanced. All work must be the applicant's own. No member of the judging committee's families may enter.

**** All rules and requirements must be followed, or essay entry will be disqualified. ****

Judging Criteria:

Each essay will be read by three or more judges. Judges will look for content, clarity, organization, and heart —the essayist's love for our nation. The Daughters of the American Revolution is an organization dedicated to perpetuating an appreciation for the sacrifices that were made in the formation of our great nation. Winners of this essay contest will demonstrate a patriotic spirit, as well as a desire to keep the flame of love of country alive, while also expressing appreciation for the sacrifices made by our forefathers.

Essays should be printed and mailed via postal service to:

**Helen Masten
DAR Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 737
Pima AZ 85543-0737**

Deadline: must be postmarked by August 31, 2021

(Please note: this is shortly after school starts in the Fall.)

The winner & runners-up will be notified before Constitution Week (September 17-23) and invited to read his or her essay during the DAR Constitution Week program.