

Junior American Citizens Committee

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The **purpose** of the Junior American Citizen Committee is to help children learn civics, history, love of country, service, and promote good citizenship to every child in the United States pre-school to grade 12. This is done by chapters sponsoring JAC clubs and contests. This committee works with today's Junior American Citizens to help them grow into future leaders for our wonderful nation.

All chapters are encouraged to assist schools, youth groups, scout troops, C.A.R. societies, service groups, church youth groups, after school programs, classrooms, public library programs, scout troops, 4-H clubs in forming clubs and entering contests. Perhaps there is a group in your community that could be organized as a JAC Club. Clubs can meet as often as the group would like, from daily to annually. Club members salute the flag, say the JAC creed, and participate in community service projects and patriotic activities, while developing a deep love of America.

The JAC Committee sponsors contests in art, creative expression, and community service. These contests are open to all students pre -school through grade 12 in public, private, parochial, or home schools. Entries are judged by grade on three levels (gifted, general, and special needs) so that every child may enter the contest regardless of ability. The contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. Each year a new theme is presented, and students base their work for the contest on the theme.

2021-2022 Contest Theme:

This year's theme is:
***"The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier:
Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor, and Patriotism"***

ART CONTEST - Four Categories: poster, banner, stamp, and photographic essay. In the banner category only groups may enter, groups being defined as three (3) - five (5) students.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST - Two Categories: poetry and short story.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST - Individual or Group - a group must be comprised of three (3) or more students.

Detailed instructions for each contest can be found on the National Daughters of the American Revolution under Committees - Junior American Citizen. www.members.dar.org

Click on committee and then Junior American Citizens. Then on the right-hand side of page you will see Contest Instructions, Contest Guidelines, and Forms. There you will find the specific instructions for each contest. Click on the ones you want to print.

CONTEST DEADLINES FOR CHAPTER CHAIR:

- By December 31, 2021: All chapter first place entries must be received by the state chair. The Chapter chair will retain the original entries and forward a copy of each winning entry to the state chair with a completed chapter registration form. Entries and entry forms may be sent digitally.

General Requirements

1. All entries **MUST** follow the theme and meet the specifications of the category entered.
2. Each entry **MUST** have a legible, fully completed entry form **SECURELY** attached to the reverse side. Photographic essay entries will have the entry form attached inside the back cover of the folder.
3. Posters, stamps, and photographic essays must be individual work **ONLY**.
4. Banners must be group entries **ONLY** consisting of 3 -5 students.
5. At the chapter level students may enter more than one contest. Only **ONE** individual entry per student should be advanced to state level. Students may enter several different contests. However, pre-school and kindergarten students may only participate in the banner and group community service contests **ONLY**.
6. A group service project is defined as three (3) or more students (no limit). Community service groups including a variety of ages are to be designated as "Mixed Group" instead of the averaging of grade levels. All members of the group should be listed with their individual grade. No medals (from National) will be given for this category. Certificates will be awarded to each student and a group certificate suitable for framing.
7. Directions must be followed exactly, or entries will be declared ineligible. All entries must be marked in the appropriate group.
8. Art generated on the computer using clip art, cut and paste technique, or scanned images is not allowed.
9. Chapter First Place entries will be sent on to the State competition. **(To be received by state chair by Dec. 31st)**. Winning state entries will advance to the South-Central Division, and winning entries from SC division advance on to the National judging. Winners at the National level receive a neck ribbon with a medal and a certificate.

What a rewarding experience you and your chapter will have when you involve children in JAC clubs and JAC contests. We can make a difference - one Junior American Citizen at a time. The future will be

bright for America as we encourage today's students on their journey of becoming the future leaders of our country. Let's make this year a banner year for the JAC in Kansas!

Contest Guidelines

2021-2022 Theme: "The 100th Anniversary of the Unknown Soldier: Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor, and Patriotism."

JAC Contest

Guidelines and New Requirements for the Submission of Winning Entries

1. The JAC Contest is open to all students in public, private, parochial, and sanctioned home schools in grades pre-school through 12; however, pre-school and kindergarten students may participate only in the banner and group community service project contests. Participation is not limited to students in a classroom; youth groups such as scout troops, C.A.R. societies, and service organizations may also participate in the contests.
2. The ART CONTEST includes four categories: poster, banner, stamp, and photographic essay. A winner will be selected in each grade level and category. Students compete as individuals only in poster, stamp, and photo essay; in the banner category only groups may enter, groups being defined as three to five students. Art generated on the computer using clip art, cut and paste technique, or scanned images is not allowed. Preschool and kindergarten students may compete in the banner category only. **Chapter Chair:** Submit a 3x5, 4x6, or 5x7 color photograph or color copy of the winning entry for each grade level and category. Up to three photographs may be used for the banner. Attach an entry form to the back of each photo or copy. Chapter chair will retain original winning entries until notified.
3. The CREATIVE EXPRESSION CONTEST includes two categories: poetry and short story. Students compete as individuals only-group entries are not allowed. Pre-school and kindergarten students may not compete in the Creative Expression Contest. **Chapter Chair:** Submit a copy of the winning entry for each grade level and category. Attach an entry form to the back of each entry or scan as an Adobe PDF file and email to the State Chair (include a scanned copy of the entry form with the file). Chapter chair will retain the original winning entries until notified.
4. The COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT may be an individual or group entry for students in grades 1-12. Pre-school and kindergarten students may compete as a group only. A group must be comprised of three (3) or more students. **Chapter Chair:** Submit a color copy of the winning photo essay for each grade level and category. Attach an entry form to the back of each project. Chapter chair will retain the original winning entries until notified.
5. At the chapter level, students may enter all contests in which they are eligible to compete; however, only ONE individual entry per student should be advanced to the state level. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification of all entries submitted by the student.
6. JUDGING AND AWARDS: Sponsoring chapters will select one winner from each category and grade in three levels: gifted, general, and special needs. **(Special care should be taken that these category levels for judging should not be made public or given to the news media.)** Winning entries at the chapter level will be forwarded via email, CD, color copy, and/or 3x5, 4x6, or 5x7 photograph, to the state for judging, state winners will be forwarded to the division for judging, and finally, division winners will be forwarded to the National Vice Chairman of Art, Creative Expression, or Community Service Project for national judging. Certificates will be presented to the winners at each level. At the national level, first, second, and third places and Honorable Mention certificates will be presented. Each first,

second, and third place winner will receive an award medal as well. In the Community Service category only, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and Honorable Mention groups will be awarded a group certificate suitable for framing and a certificate for each participant—no medals.

7. **CONTEST DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- By January 1: Chapter chair sends first place winning entries to the state chair. Chapter chair will retain original entries and forward a copy to the state chair.
- By January 15: State chair sends first place winning entries to the division vice chair.
- By February 1: Division vice chairs send first place winning entries to the national vice chairs.
- By February 15: National vice chair sends first, second, third, and possibly honorable mention winning entries to the national chair.
- By March 1: National chair announces winners. Certificates will be mailed in a timely manner.

8. **ATTENTION CHAPTERS: BE SURE TO PUT A CHAPTER CONTACT WITH PHONE NUMBER AND CHAPTER DEADLINE ON ALL INFORMATION YOU DISTRIBUTE.**

9. **ATTENTION CHAPTERS: SUBMIT COPIES OF FIRST PLACE WINNING ENTRIES VIA EMAIL, CD, COLOR COPY, AND/OR 3x5, 4x6, or 5x7 COLOR PHOTOGRAPH. DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL ENTRIES. RETAIN ORIGINAL ENTRIES UNTIL NOTIFIED.**

10. Be sure a teacher cover letter is included with all entry forms that explains the code for the three judging levels (to comply with Federal Regulations).

JAC Contest Instructions

The JAC contest is open to all pre-school through 12th grade students in public, private, and parochial schools, and in sanctioned home study programs in the categories: gifted, general and special needs. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. Do not submit a student photograph with the entry. All grades, pre-school through 12, are encouraged to participate; however, pre-school and kindergarten students may only participate in the banner and group community service project contests. The contests are not limited to just JAC clubs or members. Youth groups such as scout troops, C.A.R. societies, and service organizations, as well as schools, may participate in the contests.

All entries **MUST** follow the theme and meet the specifications of the category entered. Each entry **MUST** have a contest entry form legibly printed, fully completed, and attached **SECURELY** to the reverse side of each entry. Photographic Essay entries will have the entry form attached inside the back cover of the folder. Posters, stamps, and photographic essays must be individual work **ONLY**. Banners **MUST** be group entries only. Community service projects may be by individuals or groups. Please note that pre-school and kindergarten students may compete in banner and group community service project **ONLY**. A group is defined as three (3) to five (5) students for the banner contest and defined as three (3) or more students for the community service contest. Banner groups of mixed age are to be entered by averaging the grade level of the participants. Community service groups of mixed age are to be entered as "mixed age group."

