

# National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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*Mr. Phillip Goerig  
Guidance Counselor (11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Ambridge Area Senior High School  
909 Duss Avenue  
Ambridge, PA 15003*

*September 4, 2024*

*Dear Mr. Goerig,*

The Fort McIntosh Chapter, NSDAR, is pleased to sponsor the DAR Good Citizens program in our area. We hope that your high school will participate in this program, which honors an outstanding young person in the senior class who demonstrates qualities of a good citizen and provides an optional opportunity for this student to participate in the scholarship portion of the program.

Please take time to review the enclosed information. If you should have any questions about the DAR Good Citizens program, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Enclosed are the following:

1. **Program Overview** (DGC-1000)
2. **Instruction Page**
3. **Student Information Sheet** (*Complete and return to the chapter.*) (DGC-1001)
4. **Scholarship Contest Instructions** (DGC-1002)
5. **Scholarship Essay Instructions** (Sealed envelope with DGC-1003)
6. **NSDAR Photo/Video Release Form** (NSDAR-1000)

Please **return all requested materials by November 1, 2024, to Karen Coates.**

Address: 1711 W 9<sup>th</sup> St., Beaver Falls, PA, 15010

Contact information - Phone: 863-398-3814; E-mail: [gac4psu@msn.com](mailto:gac4psu@msn.com)

Best regards,

Karen Coates

Good Citizens Chairperson, Ft. McIntosh NSDAR



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## DAR GOOD CITIZENS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest are intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools in good standing with their state boards of education or a recognized accrediting organization such that a General Educational Development (GED) test is not required to receive a high school diploma. United States citizenship is not required. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of:

**Dependability**  
**Service**  
**Leadership**  
**Patriotism**

truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality, and being worthy of trust  
cooperation, courtesy, and contributing to the welfare of others  
personality, self-control, ability to assume responsibility, ability to inspire others, and a decision-maker  
devotion to and support of one's country, supporting service members and veterans, working for causes that make one's community stronger, and appreciating the cultural and historical importance of America's unique population

Each school may use a method of its own choice. **Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.** Each school's DAR Good Citizen receives a DAR Good Citizens pin and certificate. This student is eligible, if they wish, to enter the DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest. (If not included, the contest forms and instructions may be obtained from the contact person listed below.) The DAR Good Citizens scholarship contest consists of three parts.

**Parts I & II** consist of a student's personal information and a description of their qualities. These parts may be completed at home.

**Part III** is a timed essay to be administered under the supervision of a faculty or DAR member. It must be completed in one sitting, within a two-hour time limit, and without assistance, using only a dictionary. Each contest entry is evaluated by independent, non-DAR judges. The winning entry is advanced through state, division, and national levels of judging.

DAR Good Citizens who enter the scholarship contest are eligible for the awards beyond the chapter level. Each state winner receives an award in the amount of at least \$500 and a special state DAR Good Citizens pin and certificate. Each of the eight division (multi-state groups) winners will receive a cash award in the amount of \$1,000. A national winner will be invited to Washington, D.C., to attend Continental Congress and will be awarded a **\$10,000 scholarship**, an inscribed silver bowl and a certificate.

### DAR CONTACT

• The opportunity to participate in the DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is extended and sponsored by the Fort McIntosh \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

• For further information, please contact the DAR Chapter Good Citizens Committee Chair Karen Coates

Phone 863-398-3814

E-mail gac4psu@msn.com

or the DAR Chapter Regent Deanna Jacobs

Phone 863-398-5129

E-mail dljacobs82@gmail.com

Completed DAR Good Citizens entry due to the local DAR chapter by November 1, 2024

Submit ALL DAR Good Citizens award/scholarship contest entry papers ONLY to the DAR chapter Good Citizens Committee Chair. Please retain copies of all pages of the entry before submitting it to the local DAR chapter contact person.

### Detailed Instruction Page

- Review all information sent regarding the Good Citizen program.
- **Wednesday, November 1, 2024, deadline** - No applications will be accepted after this date.
- **Changes for this year: No school transcript is required.**  
**The qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in Parts I & II will be worth 70% of the total of the judges' scores. The essay score in Part III will represent 30% of the judges' total score.**

#### **All the following must be submitted:**

1. Student Information Sheet (DGC-1001).
2. Photo suitable for publication and photo/video release consent form.
3. **Written outline** containing the following information:
  - a. Student's activities: offices held, awards received, participation in athletics, music, journalism, drama, science, etc., and areas of special interest.
  - b. Brief description of student's efforts to serve his/her community (school, place of worship, etc.)
  - c. Future plans: education and career goals, college plans and aspirations in life.
  - d. Extracurricular activities (4-H, scouting, after school/summer jobs, hobbies, etc.)
  - e. A brief description of how he/she feels about the four equalities of a D.A.R. Good Citizen *Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism*, and examples of how these qualities are reflected in their life and relationship with others.
4. Two letters of recommendation:
  - a. One from a close adult associate (other than family: a minister, employer, scout/4-H leader, etc.)
  - b. One from a school faculty member (teacher, coach, guidance counselor, music instructor, etc.)***Each letter must include the identification of the writer along with home or business address, relationship to student, length of time he/she has known the student, and the qualities (dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism) that demonstrate the student's qualities as a Good Citizen representative.***
5. The student's original essay: **if the student has chosen to participate in the Essay portion.**
  - At least two judges who are not associated with the Fort McIntosh Chapter or D.A.R. will review the evidence submitted for Parts I, II, and III. These judges will score the submitted information: maximum total for Dependability: 15 pts; Service: 15 pts.; Leadership: 15 pts.; Patriotism: 15 pts. for a total of 70 pts. The written essay has a maximum score of 30 pts. The student with the highest score will be considered the winner of the Fort McIntosh scholarship money and will have all his/her materials submitted to the State level of the Good Citizen program. The winner of the State level also will receive a scholarship.
  - Between December and March, the school guidance counselor will receive an official certificate for their Good Citizen student. This certificate is to be presented to the student by the school. We suggest the presentation be done at an awards assembly by a school official, ensuring that the student will receive peer recognition; no school district is required to do this.
  - In April, a banquet to recognize and honor each Good Citizen representative is held. This year the date is Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Shadow Lakes Country Club.

When the school selected student Good Citizen submits ALL the required information to me, then your school may officially consider that chosen student as your school's 2024-25 D.A.R. Good Citizen. Even though there is only one scholarship awarded by the Fort McIntosh D.A.R. Chapter, each student entry is to be considered your school's Fort McIntosh D.A.R. Good Citizen and recognized as such.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of our Good Citizen program, please feel free to e-mail ([gac4psu@msn.com](mailto:gac4psu@msn.com)) or contact me by phone (863-398-3814).

Karen Coates



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## STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

**This cover sheet must be forwarded to the local sponsoring DAR chapter for your school's DAR Good Citizen winner.**

Please TYPE or PRINT all information and be sure to complete all blanks.

### RETURN FORM AND COMPLETED MATERIALS TO:

Sponsoring DAR chapter/chapter code Fort McIntosh NSDAR, 2-047 PA Deadline Nov. 1, 2024

Contact person Karen Coates Phone 863-398-3814

Address 1711 W. 9th St., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

E-mail gac4psu@msn.com

### STUDENT INFORMATION:

First / Middle / Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or guardians (First / Middle / Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parent phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL INFORMATION:

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School or faculty contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you competing in the scholarship contest?  YES  NO

### THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have known \_\_\_\_\_, in  
*(Print your name)* *(Print student's name)*

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ in my capacity as \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Length of time)* *(Relationship to student)*

and that to my personal knowledge the student has demonstrated the qualities of a Good Citizen as set forth in your criteria and, in my opinion, is most deserving of recognition by your organization. If our DAR Good Citizen competed in the scholarship portion of the contest. I have reviewed the information the student is submitting to you and have found it to be accurate and entirely consistent with our records.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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## DAR GOOD CITIZENS COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

**Please Note:** Original copies of the school winner's entry are to be submitted to the chapter. To provide good quality copies to the judges, both parts (Parts I and II) must be submitted on white paper approximately 8-1/2" x 11" in size. Use only one side of the paper with numbered pages. Do not submit a personal photograph. This scholarship is judged and awarded without regard to gender, race, color, religion, national origin, or disability. A resume may be included; however, the following items should still be listed separately in outline format.

### PART I: PERSONAL & PART II: DAR GOOD CITIZENS QUALITIES (70 points possible)

1. **Complete the following in outline format.** (These may be completed at home and typed. A resume may be included; however, the following items should still be listed separately in outline format.)
  - a. List your high school activities, including offices held; awards received; athletic, music, journalism, drama, science, and other participation; and areas of special interest.
  - b. Describe briefly how your efforts to serve your community (home, school, place of worship, etc.) have been effective or have made a difference.
  - c. Express your plans, education, career goals, and aspirations in life.
  - d. List extracurricular activities, scouting, 4-H, explorers, after-school or summer jobs, hobbies, etc.
  - e. Describe briefly why you feel the four qualities of a DAR Good Citizens: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism are important and how you have tried to exhibit those qualities in your life.
2. **Include two letters of recommendation** from close adult associates (other than family) such as a minister, an employer, a scout or 4-H leader, a teacher, a coach, a music instructor, a guidance counselor, etc. Have the two letters of recommendation returned to you to be submitted with your completed scholarship application. The letters of recommendation should include:
  - a. Identification of the writer along with a home or business address.
  - b. Relationship with the student and length of time he or she has known the student.
  - c. The qualities which make the student an appropriate candidate for consideration.

### PART III: ESSAY (30 points possible)

The title/subject of the essay will be announced at the actual time of writing. Clarity of expression, originality, and historical accuracy will be considered in the judging. When completed, this essay should be attached to the materials requested in Part I. This must be submitted by the deadline to the DAR chapter chair. No other changes may be made to the essay after the allotted two-hour time limit. Guidelines for writing the essay are:

1. The essay must be written in the presence of a faculty or DAR member within the two-hour time limit.
2. Please place the title of the essay and the focus question at the top of the first page.
3. The student's name and page number must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of their essay.
4. The essay is to be no longer than 550 words. The word count must be located at the end of the essay. The count does not include the title or name.
5. The essay text may be handwritten in ink or computer-generated on one side of white paper, approximately 8-1/2" x 11" inches.
6. Reference materials other than a dictionary must not be used.
7. The essay may not be edited or corrected by anyone other than the student, only within the allotted time limit.

If the student experiences disability whatever accommodations are normally afforded the disabled student should be extended for the essay contest. Any questions about IEP accommodations should be directed to the national chair.

*The chapter chair should furnish a sealed envelope, containing the title of the essay and essay instructions. If the school has not received this envelope, contact the chapter chair contact below.*

**Submit ALL DAR Good Citizens award/scholarship contest entry papers ONLY to the DAR Good Citizens Committee Chair listed below. Please retain copies of all pages of the entry before submitting it to the local DAR chapter contact person.**

DAR CONTACT			
Sponsoring chapter	Fort McIntosh Chapter, NSDAR	Deadline	Nov. 1, 2024
Contact person	Karen Coates	Phone	863-398-3814
Address	1711 W. 9th St. Beaver Falls, PA 15010	Email	gac4psu@msn.com



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## PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I, *(please print full name neatly)* \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereby grant permission to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR),  
including any of its chapters or state societies, to publish photos/images/videos including the name of  
my child in press releases and/or other materials either in print or electronic format for purposes deemed  
appropriate by the NSDAR.

I am signing this release form with the knowledge that any photos/images/videos posted  
electronically and in press releases can be downloaded and reprinted by news organizations, individuals  
and others including print, electronic, and broadcast media, and I, therefore, release the NSDAR from  
any liability arising from use of my child's photos/images/videos in web postings.

I further understand that if I wish to rescind this agreement, I may do so at any time by sending a  
letter to NSDAR. I further understand that already published photos/images/videos cannot be recalled.  
The requested rescission will take effect upon receipt of the notification.

Name of minor child: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### NSDAR CONTACT INFORMATION

*(This completed form should be kept on file by the collecting chapter or state society.)*

Name of Contact: Karen Coates

Phone No. (863) 398-3814 E-mail gac4psu@msn.com