

## KSDAR Junior American Citizens Chair



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As your JAC Committee State Chair, I wish to encourage **new** JAC Chapter Chairs the privilege to help build our today's young people to be the future leaders of our country. *Encourage Chairs to start small* and build "A Legacy of Liberty" in service and pass their torch of knowledge on to the next generation through the JAC Contests. *I am available and anxious to help you in any way you need.*

**2024-2025 Theme**  
**Sailing with the Stars and Stripes to**  
**Celebrate the 250th Birthday of the U.S.**  
**Navy and 2024 Marine Corp**

### What is JAC?

- The 2nd oldest DAR youth oriented committee
- Its purpose is to teach:
  - Civics and principles of our government
  - Love of country
  - Patriotism
  - American History
- What it means to be a good citizen:
  - At home
  - In the classroom
  - In an organization
  - In the community
- Build future leaders of America

### Contests

#### Art

*Banner* (Groups of 3-5; Grades Pre-K to 12)

*Stamp* (Individual; Grades 1-12)

*Poster* (Individual; Grades 1-12)

*Photo Essay* (Individual; Grades 1-12)

*Digital* (Individual; Grades 1-12)

#### Creative Expression

Poetry (Individual; Grades 1-12)

Short Story (Individual; Grades 1-12)

#### Community Service

Individual; Grades 1-12

Groups of 3 or more; Grades Pre-K to 12.

\* Community Service groups can be mixed ages

The following is the code that you will circle on each entry form for our judges:

Group 1 = Gifted Artist/Writer

Group 2 = General

Group 3 = Special Needs/Special Effort

Group 4 = Non-declared/Unspecified

### Clubs are optional

- Meet as little as once per year
- Can form in conjunction with other groups:
  - Scouts - C.A.R. - Church Youth Groups
  - Home School Groups - Classrooms
  - 4-H Clubs - Sports Teams
- The Chapter Master Report (CMR) will ask for the number of children participating in the Art, Creative Expression and Community Service contests. Be sure to keep track!

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**AUGUST** - Send contest information to schools, teachers, scout leaders, home school coops, churches, family participants and 4-H clubs. This can be done electronically or by hard copy.

**SEPTEMBER** – Continue distributing information and follow-up with previous mailings.

**OCTOBER** – Contact all participants and remind them of the chapter deadline and if they have any questions.

**NOVEMBER** - Check in with participants at least twice about the chapter deadline and arrange for pickup. Remind leaders to, **(Make Sure JAC Contest Entry Form Is Legible and Complete.)**

**DECEMBER** - **Pickup entries by the last school day before Christmas break. Judge chapter entries and give certificates to chapter winners.** Chapter chairs should retain the original entry for first place in each category **then send digital copies of the first place winners to State Chair by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**JANUARY** – Make chapter certificates for all participants.

- In the event a chapter entry is a National winner, chapter chairs will be notified.
- Present JAC Certificates of Award to first place chapter winners. Consider acknowledging second, third, and honorable mention winners. Certificates are available on the Kansas SIP under JAC.

State Winner Certificates – Are Distributed for  
Kansas, South Central Division and National at  
Kansas Spring Conference April 5, 2025,

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**FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL/MAY** - Distribute Chapter/State/Division/National Certificates and Awards.

