

Tennessee SAR



Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence

American History Teacher Award

The Tennessee SAR invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the middle or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. While the preliminary rounds of the award program begin at the local level, teachers may eventually advance to the state or national levels, eventually held in June during the annual SAR Congress.

The American History Teacher Award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in the addressing the history of the American Revolution. Teacher candidates interested in entering the local SAR Chapter contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay of not less than 500 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolutionary era. The essay may also describe any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher to teach the American Revolution. The contest is aimed at identifying a teacher who is still actively teaching and who is in the early stages of his or her career, therefore having many years of productive classroom teaching remaining. The award winner will receive his or her choice of a professional educational opportunity at a national seminar, including the Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; the Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Workshop in Williamsburg, Virginia; the Jefferson Symposium at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia; or the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution (all valued at \$1,400 including tuition, room and board, and transportation). The winning teacher will then bring back to their classroom and students a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm for the American Revolutionary era. For a complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, please contact the chairman at:

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Please be aware that the local application deadline dates may vary, so interested applicants should reach out to their local SAR chapter for further details.