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Greetings:

As the President of Omaha Chapter #19, I would like to extend to your 9 – 12th grade students an invitation to participate in the National Sojourners 2023 Essay Contest (see attached authorized cover sheet). As a fraternal organization one of our main goals is to promote Americanism within our youth, one of the ways that we do this is by sponsoring an essay contest. The theme this year is “Causes of The American Revolutionary War”. Cash awards of \$100 and \$50 will be awarded to two students whose essays are selected as the best from across the state. These top two entrants and one other selectee will be forwarded to the National level where they will be eligible for prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

The student will need to write an essay in accordance with the attached 2023 “Authorized Cover Sheet.” Send the essay and completed cover sheet in digital copy to lcecilsmith@gmail.com by ~~15~~ **Dec. 15** ~~November 2023~~. Please use the following for the email subject: **2023 Essay Contest**. Essays can also be mailed to:

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The top three essay winners from across the state will be invited to a future Omaha Chapter #19 meeting to read their essay and to receive their awards and our congratulations on their hard work.

My contact number is (402) 599-0308, please leave a message with name and number or email me at lcecilsmith@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your time.

L. Cecil Smith

Sincerely
L. Cecil Smith
President, Omaha Chapter #19
National Sojourners Inc

National Sojourners 2023-2024 Essay Contest

THIS "AUTHORIZED COVER SHEET" MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT FOR THE ESSAY TO BE A WINNER!!!

Prizes

1 st Place	\$3000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
2 nd Place	\$2000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
3 rd Place	\$1000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque

Theme – Causes of The American Revolutionary War

Prompt: Describe three (3) main causes of the American Revolutionary War and how they led to armed conflict with Great Britain.

Rules & Essay Details: The Essay contest is open to all students currently in the 9th to 12th grades, including home schooled students. Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter by Dec. 15, 2023, using this "Authorized Cover Sheet," filled out clearly and completely. Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters, **RECEIVED AT NATIONAL BY JANUARY 15, 2024.**

Mandatory - Essay must satisfy the following requirements to be winners - Mandatory

Must be typed, double spaced, single sided, 1" margins, Times New Roman 12-point font.

Recommend following the APA Style and Grammar Guidelines (<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines>)

Must be 500 - 750 words long and include word count. (Citations and bibliography are not included in word count.)

Must include Bibliography on a separate page, with at least five (5) legitimate references listing each one by author, title of article, volume used, pages and paragraphs, copyright date, publishing company.

Must cite & footnote facts/quotations. (Citations and bibliography are not included in word count.)

Must include student's name on first page of actual essay and on bibliography page for tracking purposes.

MUST BE TURNED INTO YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL SOJOURNERS CHAPTER BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2023.

Student Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely and Printed Neatly

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____
[Please use "nmi" for "no middle initial"]

Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: _____ Word Count - Mandatory: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Address Continued: _____ Email: _____

Your School's Name: _____ Your Year in School [9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th]: _____

Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

Chapter Representatives: Fill Chapter Information out completely and neatly before copying form for local distribution.

Please make sure the MANDATORY guidelines outlined above are followed.

National Sojourners Chapter Name and Number: maha Chapter #19 _____

Chapter Point of Contact Name: Cecil Smith _____

Chapter Point of Contact Home Phone Number [required for contact]: 402-599-0308 _____

Chapter Point of Contact Address: 916 Bordeaux Ave. _____

Chapter POC Address Continued: Bellevue, NE 68123 _____

Mail entry to: