



Scholarship Essay Topic:

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2026 Essay Scholarship Contest

Theme: “The Unsung Patriot Who Changed Everything”

DAR encourages essays focusing on any figure from the Revolutionary era — famous or everyday — who influenced the Revolution in any way.

Prompt:

Choose an everyday patriot from 1773–1783 — a soldier, spy, mother, messenger, enslaved person, tradesman, tribal ally, or child — whose actions directly or indirectly supported the American Revolution. Describe their contributions and explain why their legacy deserves recognition during America 250.

What to Include:

- Introduce the patriot and provide background on their life
- Describe their specific contributions to the Revolutionary cause
- Explain how their actions influenced the course of the war
- Highlight why their legacy matters today, especially during the 250th anniversary of American independence
- Demonstrate historical accuracy, clarity, originality, and strong organization

The essay must contain the following:

- Title page
- At least 3 sources
- 1500-2000 words
- Times New Roman font 12-14, single-spaced