

General William D. McCain Scholarship Award

Arkansas Division ~ Sons of Confederate Veterans Essay Contest Rules and Guidelines

Local Camp Instructions

Individual students complete the essay and application form and forward it to the local SCV Camp.

Address Essay are to be Sent To:

Essays submitted in competition for the McCain Scholarship shall be returned to the address of the local sponsoring camp. The local camp will pick a winner for their camp. After judging, the winning essay at the Camp level shall be forwarded to the Division for final judging **by March 15th**; all other essays shall be compiled and submitted separately to the Division Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Judging Level 1 – Local Camp.

The local Camp officers and volunteers will serve as the judges for all essays submitted through that camp. (Individuals, who will serve as judges at the Division level, however may not serve as judges at Camp level.) Each Camp will present the scholarship program to the high school(s) in their community and surrounding area. The local camp will furnish each school with entry forms, the camp's mailing address, and a Camp point of contact for the scholarship program.. Once the deadline for submitting essay has passed, the local Camp scholarship judges will review all essays submitted and select the one best essay for submission to Division level. This winning essay will be sent to the Essay Chairman (mail or email) and brought to the Arkansas Division Reunion for final judging for award of the scholarship. The winning essay shall be sent to the Chairman, Arkansas Division Essay Contest **by March 15th**.

Judging Level 2 – Division.

The Division Officers (Commandeer, Lt. Commanders, and Adjutant) will serve as the judges for the final scholarship award. If a Division officer has previously served as a judge at Camp level, he may not serve as a Division judge in that same year's competition. The Division officers will select the single best essay from those submitted by the Camps; this winner will be awarded the McCain Scholarship for that year.

Ties:

In case of a tie at the local camp, the 1st Lt. Commander shall cast the tie-breaking vote. At Division level, the Division 1st Lt. Commander shall cast the tie-breaker.

Essay Winner Announcement:

The winner of the McCain Scholarship will be notified by mail by the Division Commander, or by the Adjutant on behalf of the Commander. The location and date of the scholarship presentation will be included in this notification. The Camp Commander of the sponsoring Camp will make the presentation to the winning student.

Additional Info:

In the event that no essays are submitted for judging, the funds for that year shall remain in the Scholarship Fund Account.

CAMP DONATIONS:

The William D. McCain Scholarship is funded by the \$1.00 increase in Division dues. Any Camps wishing to donate additional money may do so to the current Arkansas Division Adjutant.