

# SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION – TEXAS OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET PROGRAM

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## **Cadet Check List**

There are **5 Sections** to complete.

**Section 1.** JROTC Leadership Position for each year

**Section 2.** JROTC Command Organizations & Positions for each year

**Section 3.** Academic Extra Curricular Activities and Positions as performed in each year

**Section 4.** Non-Scholastic / Non-JROTC Activities & Positions as performed year round

**Section 5.** An Original Essay [ use of AI will disqualify the candidate ] by the cadet of 500 to 700 words entitled

***“ How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States”***

**Note :** The essay must be double spaced and contain the word count at the end of the essay.

The first page of the essay must contain 1) the topic title, 2) Cadet’s name 3) rank 4)unit’s name and 5) name of the High School. The Cadets name must also appear on the upper right corner of each essay page.

It is **highly recommended** that the Cadet complete ALL 4 sections of the nomination form and have them reviewed by their SMI **BEFORE** starting on the essay.

Once the form and all sections are complete, **DO NOT MAIL** them anywhere. As Texas is a Pilot Program, all completed forms need to be given to your Senior Military Instructor for submission.

A signed Parental Consent Form **MUST** be attached to the completed Nomination Form.

## **Sons of the American Revolution – Texas SAR**

### **OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET PROGRAM**

#### **Senior Military Instructor Check List**

1. \_\_\_ Is the Cadet currently enrolled in your JROTC Program?
2. \_\_\_ The Cadet is currently in the Top 10% of their Corps in GPA (please provide verification).
3. \_\_\_ Is the school's Principal/Superintendent endorsement/recommendation attached including Corps GPA/standing?
4. \_\_\_ Are the SMI's nomination, comments pertaining to the Cadets' Leadership Skills, attached?

After completing the first 4 Sections of the Nomination Form, and before starting on the Essay, the cadet must have the SMI review their work. Once the Essay is completed, the SMI needs to review the Essay for the following requirements:

- (1) 500 to 700 words
- (2) Word total at the end of the Essay
- (3) The Topic Title
- (4) Cadet's name
- (5) Cadet's rank
- (6) Unit's name
- (7) Name of the High School
- (8) The Cadet's name on the upper right hand corner of each page of the Essay.

**At this point, given all of the information, is this cadet your "BEST OF THE BEST?"**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: AFTER THE SMI REVIEW OF ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION, A SIGNED PARENTAL RELEASE FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE CADET'S PACKAGE FOR SUBMISSION**

Once the SMI's review is completed, he should contact the local SAR Chapter supporting their Corps for further directions.

# Sons of the American Revolution – Texas SAR

## OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET PROGRAM

### “Hints for Success”

1. The SMI must review with the Cadet the completed Nomination Form and Essay using both the SMI and Cadet’s check lists.
2. ALL lines of the Nomination Form should have an entry.
3. Be very specific when listing what the Cadet has accomplished e.g.: community service, summer activities, etc. The more specific information that is provided helps the judges. General comments DO NOT assist the Cadet.
4. AVOID flowery descriptions when listing facts and accomplishments. *Descriptions using a few words do not carry much influence; be specific. Use extra pages if needed.*
5. List awards earned e.g.: Varsity Sports Letters, All State Teams, All State Chorus, VFW Medal, etc.
6. Endorsements by the Cadet’s Principal and SMI are crucial. (example: a full page recommendation by the Principal may score 10 points where the Principals verification of the Cadets Corp GPA may only score 2 points).

**It is strongly suggested that the SMI discuss this area with the Cadet’s principal.**

7. Describe the Cadets accomplishments as if justifying a military medal, NOT just the words for the citation.
8. Spelling and/or grammatical errors will detract from the total points awarded during judging.

## **Sons of the American Revolution – Texas SAR**

### **OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET PROGRAM**

#### **HOW THE NOMINATION FORMS AND ESSAY WILL BE JUDGED**

##### **Application Form Evaluation – Max 50 points**

Max points 10: Section 1. – JROTC Leadership Positions

Max Points 10: Section 2. – JROTC Command Organizations & Positions

Max Points 15: Section 3. – Academic Extra Curricular Activities (Max 5 points per year)

Max Points 15: Section 4. – Non-Scholastic/Non-JROTC Activities (Max 5 points per year)

##### **Essay Evaluation – Max 30 points**

Max points 10: On the Essay assigned topic of “How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States”

Max Points 10: Content and Flow of the Essay

Max Points 10: Grammar and Spelling

##### **Endorsements from the School Principal and the Senior Military Instructor – Max 20 points**

Max points 10: Principal’s endorsement with GPA verification – 1 point. A letter describing the endorsement and why, up to a max of 9 points.

Max Points 10: Senior Military Instructor’s Endorsement must verify that the cadet is in the TOP 10% of the JROTC Class – 1 point, and include Recommendations/Comments of the Cadet’s Leadership and describe his endorsement and why, up to a maximum of 9 points.

**NOTE TO ALL JUDGES: BOTH OF THESE ENDORSEMENTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED AS A CHARACTER PROFILE OF THE CADET.**

# Sons of the American Revolution

## Outstanding JROTC Cadet Program Nomination Form

Nomination for Outstanding JROTC Cadet for Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring SAR Chapter and State Society: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Year

4 Year

Senior JROTC Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Cadet: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet's Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Grade Level: 11<sup>th</sup>

JROTC GRADE LEVEL 2 3

Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: You may use additional paper as required to reply to the following (please put cadet's name at top of each page).

**Section 1: JROTC Leadership Position (Please show advancement history and potential for next year)**

Example: Year 1: Recruit, Private, Private 1st Class, and Corporal

Year 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Year 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Year 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Year 4 potential: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: JROTC Command Organizations & Position (Please show advancement history and potential)**

Example: Year 1: Cadet, Assistant Squad Leader, Squad Leader, Assistant Platoon Leader.

Year 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Year 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Year 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Year 4 potential: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet's Name:

High School Name:

**Section 3: Academic Extra Curricular Activities & Position, as applicable in each:**

Example: 9th Grade: Science Club, Computer Club, Freshman Class Secretary, etc.

9th Grade:

10th Grade:

11th Grade:

Please use additional pages if needed to complete the above section of the nomination form.

Cadet's Name:

High School Name:

**Section 4: Non-Scholastic / Non-JROTC Activities & Position, as applicable in each:**

Example: 9th Grade: employment, church, Scouting (rank), FFA, 4-H, Volunteer, etc.

9th Grade:

10th Grade:

11th Grade:

Please use additional pages if needed to complete the above section of the nomination form.



Cadet's Name:

High School Name:

**Section 5 - Original Essay by the Cadet, of 500 to 700 words. The essay must be double-spaced and contain a word count at the end of the essay.**

**The topic is - "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America".**

Topic should be at the top of the first page as shown above, along with Cadet's name, rank, unit's name, and the name of the High School. Cadet name and page numbers should also appear of all additional pages.

Upon entering any data in the above form, Use the "[Click to Save to Your PC](#)" button to make sure what you entered was saved.

Send the completed form and all supporting documents no later than:

TO:

JROTC Chairman:

JROTC Chairman Email Address:

Phone:

**TEXAS SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
YOUTH AWARDS, CONTESTS, and EVENTS**

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE**

- Adams Brochure Contest       Americanism Poster Contest       C.A.R. Essay Contest  
 Rumbaugh Oration Contest       Knight Essay Contest       JROTC Cadet Award  
 Jos. Martin Video Contest       King Eagle Scout Contest       Cohen 4-H Public Speaking Contest  
 Color Guard       Other

I am the Participant (if 18 or older) or the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name, hereinafter the "Participant"). I am familiar with the above designated award program(s), contest(s), or event(s) of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereinafter the "Program") and am willing to and hereby give my consent to have the Participant participate in the Program(s)/Activities identified above. The Participant shall abide by the rules of the Program as determined in the sole discretion of the Society. Participant understands that failure to abide by the rules of the Program and this Agreement shall be grounds for disqualification.

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I hereby request that the child's surname not be published, but instead be referred to only by the first letter of the last name (for example, instead of using John Doe, John D. would be used.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature (if 18 or older)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

By checking this box & typing your name electronically above you acknowledge that this entry will signify your consent, just as if you had signed a paper document.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

If Under 18

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Adult Guardian Signature

By checking this box & typing your name electronically above you acknowledge that this entry will signify your consent, just as if you had signed a paper document.