

# Meet Your Junior Membership Committee Chair



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joined DAR in 2012, as a Junior Member. Junior Membership has always been a passion for Malinda and making sure our Junior members find their place within the State society. Chapters are encouraged to get Juniors involved and help grow their interest in DAR.

The Junior Membership Committee is very important as it helps raise money for our DAR Schools and local educators with the Classroom grants along with molding our next generation of DAR members! Support your Junior Membership committee!

# Junior Membership Committee

## History and Purpose

The National Junior Membership Committee was established in 1937.  
The goals of the committee are:

- to gain new Junior members
- to build a well-informed Junior membership
- to encourage active participation in all phases of DAR service
- to support the National Junior Membership Committee's official fund-raising project - the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

# Why Junior members are important in our Chapters?

**Here are some tips to attract new juniors, engage your current Junior Members to DAR, and retain junior members in your chapter.**

- Mentor a Junior member. Share your love of DAR and encourage a junior member's participation in DAR. Help a junior connect to one of the three objectives of DAR: Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. Show prospective and current juniors the wonderful impact and accomplishments of the DAR. Make it relevant to their lives.
- Host a Junior sponsored Social Event for the juniors to get to know the chapter members and fellow Juniors. Recruiting new Juniors can become a fun event for everyone when you can be with a friend.
- Have a Junior sponsored Service Project to foster DAR participation. It is easy to participate when a junior is not worried about a babysitter or conflict with a work schedule.
- Reach out to young women in your community. Local colleges and universities are an excellent place to start.
- **Elect a chapter Outstanding Junior each year.** It's important to recognize the work of your chapter's junior members.
- Encourage your chapter's Junior members to Page at State and National events. Paging is a wonderful opportunity to serve and learn about the DAR. Paging makes lifelong friendships.
- Promote service and leadership within your local C.A.R. chapter.

# Outstanding Junior Contest

The Outstanding Junior Member Contest began in 1963 to recognize Junior members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Honoring young women who have truly promoted the aims and purposes of the National Society, as well as participated in community activities, the contest encourages all Junior members to be vitally interested and involved in DAR programs and projects. Recognition on the chapter, state, or national level is an honor not to be taken lightly.

Candidates are DAR members, ages 18 through 35 inclusive, who have been selected by their respective chapters. A chapter may select any Junior member as a chapter Outstanding Junior. A young woman who is active in DAR and her community, in furthering of the DAR's historical, educational, and patriotic objectives, in accordance with the DAR motto, "God, Home, and Country," is an Outstanding Junior. After being selected by her chapter, a candidate may [download the application forms](#) to enter the state and national contest.

## **Deadlines for Contest:**

Chapter Candidate Application: **October 31.** (Cannot be 36 years of age on this date and wishes to participate in National Contest)

Chapter Candidate Application: **February 3.** (If only wants recognition at the state level during State Conference)

# Helen Pouch Memorial Fund

Chapters and all DAR members are encouraged to support the Juniors official fund-raising project - the **Helen Pouch Memorial Fund**.

**What is the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund?** Authorized in 1938, named in memory of the daughter of Helena R. Pouch, first national chair of the Junior Membership Committee in 1937 and later President General from 1941-1944. This fund provides scholarships, medical aid, and general assistance to the DAR schools. Kate Duncan Smith DAR School is a beneficiary of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund (HPMF).

**How can a chapter or DAR member support HPMF?** It is fun and effortless! Shop at the AL DAR Junior Sales Table or make a donation. Sales of nationally approved Junior products and donations enables the Juniors to meet their financial commitment to the DAR schools, classroom grants and other service organizations; this includes Kate Duncan Smith DAR School and other DAR approved schools. The AL DAR Junior Sales has a variety of patriotic and DAR items and special approved state items. Contact the State Chair to purchase items or make donations year round.

*Junior Membership and the  
Helen Pouch Memorial Fund*



# Junior Sales

The sale of nationally approved Junior products enables the Junior Membership Committee to meet its financial commitment to the DAR schools like Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

All official Junior products have been approved by the President General and the Executive Committee. Nationally approved Junior products include patriotic jewelry, DAR note paper, notebooks, HODAR pins, patriotic ties, shoe bags, garment bags, and other DAR related items. Members and chapters may order supplies and gifts from their Junior Membership state chair which helps Alabama make a yearly contribution to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

## **Junior Shoppe at Meeting of the Districts and State Conference**

The Junior Shoppe at Meeting of the Districts and State Conference is coordinated and managed by the Junior Membership Chair. The Shoppe features products from the Junior Sales Product Catalog, as well as a patriotic items!





# Junior Membership Classroom Grant Program

The Junior Membership Classroom Grant program was established in 2017. Fifty-one \$500 grants were awarded to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide. This program is supported by funds raised to Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia! Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application. In reviewing applications, it is important to note that the proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources but the applicant must detail how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

Applications and information on the grant program may be obtained by contacting your state's Junior Membership chair. Chapters are encouraged to publicize this program as much as they can, but each chapter may only endorse one application that is forwarded to the state Junior Membership Chair for review. The Grant Award Program is administered through State Junior Membership chairs who, along with a panel of judges, review all applications for their state and determine two winners and a Runner-Up.

**2020 State Winners:**    **Beverly Robinson, Hannah White Arnett Chapter**  
**Tammie Evans, Old Three Notch Chapter**  
**Tina Wright, Gunter Mountain Chapter**

# Junior Membership Committee Pin

**Want to EARN a NEW PIN?**

**Here is how—Become a FRIEND OF JUNIOR MEMEBRSHIP!**

The Friends of Junior Membership Endowment supports the Junior Membership Committee's projects.

**How can I become a Friend of Junior Membership?** Members and chapters are encouraged to contribute any amount to the Friends of Junior Membership. Contributions of \$100 or more are eligible to purchase the *Friends of Junior Membership* pin.

Members and chapters can continue to support **Friends of Junior Membership** by becoming a *Best Friend of Junior Membership* with an additional donation of \$100. This makes you eligible to purchase the “Best Friends” pin with a gold hanging bar engraved with *Friends of Junior Membership*.

Show your support of Junior Membership by becoming a Friend or Best Friend, and proudly wear the Junior pins with your insignia.

