

Meet Your Junior American Citizens Committee Chair



Susie Keller, Gunter Mountain Chapter, Grant, AL joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in June of 2006 with the new organization of the Gunter Mountain Chapter, NSDAR. I have served as chapter librarian, chapter Vice Regent, and Regent for Gunter Mountain Chapter. I was honored to be presented with the title of Honorary Regent. I have served the state in the capacity of Literary Promotion Chairman and Chairman of the Junior American Citizens Committee. It is an honor to judge the wonderful work that our students create every year. This year has been challenging with the closure of the National Building due to Covid-19. I look forward to one more year serving in the Tammy Clemons Administration.

Junior American Citizens Committee History and Purpose

- National Committee Formed in 1901, it is the second oldest committee.
- The first club was formed in Ohio stating that they would
 " teach...children some knowledge of the underlying principles of our government, of American sentiment, and of all that will go toward making them good citizens."
- ASDAR Chapters sponsor clubs for students across the state.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the annual JAC Contests



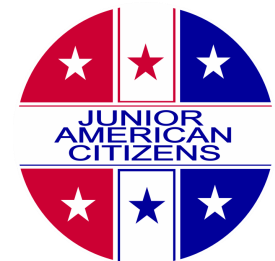
Junior
American
Citizens
Contest 2019-
2020

JAC groups sponsored by Chapters in Alabama	19
Pictures, articles and media pieces published	37
Children participating in the Junior American Citizen Contest for 2019-2020	888
Children participating in the Art Contest	717
Children participating in the Creative Expression Contest	114
Children participating in the Community Service Contest	34
Thatcher Awards presented	2 (adult)



Junior American Citizens Goals 2020-21

- Encourage all students to participate in the JAC Contest.
- Identify Chapters that show excellence in service to Junior American Citizens.
- Encourage all chapters to submit their entries digitally.
- Judge the entries in the contests and have them to the Southeastern Division by January 31st.
- Send Certificates and Medals when received from National.
- Answer questions as needed.



Junior American Citizens 2020-2021 Theme

**“The 400th Anniversary of the
Mayflower: Rise and Shine for
New Opportunities in a New
World.”**



Junior American Citizens Awards

Student Awards

Alabama State Winners

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each category will receive a Certificate. First place winners will be submitted to the Southeastern Division for judging.

Southeastern Division Winners

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category will receive a Certificate. First place winners submitted to the National Committee for judging.

National Committee Winners

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a certificate and medal.



Chapter Awards

- Most JAC Clubs sponsored
- Most pictures and articles published
- Most students participating in all contests
- Most Students participating in art contests
- Most students participating in creative expression contest
- Most students participating in community service contest
- Most students participating in all JAC activities
- Outstanding Service by chapter
- Chapter Excellence

Junior American Citizens Awards



Thatcher Pin

The **Thatcher Award** was established in 1948 in honor of Mrs. Lillian Thatcher of Pueblo, Colorado, who presented \$1,000 to the National JAC Committee to promote committee work. This award consists of the Thatcher Pin, a replica of the JAC Banner, and an embossed citation signed by the NSDAR President General and JAC national chair. This award is given to mature JAC members and adults who have shown outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to the JAC program. It is a very special award and should not be awarded lightly by the presenting chapter or state society.

Link for Thatcher Award submission form

<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-WP-1013.pdf>

Junior American Citizens Links to Forms

Entry Form	https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1007.pdf
Educational Resources	https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1012.PDF
General Summary of Contests	https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1001.pdf
Guidelines for teachers/leaders	https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1009.pdf
JAC Fact Sheet	https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1006.pdf
Teacher Cover Sheet	https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1011.pdf

Junior American Citizens Links to Forms

Scrapbook and
Publicity Contest

<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1005.pdf>

JAC contest
categories

<https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/JAC-1010.pdf>



Junior American Citizens Pins



Members and chapters who contribute \$100 or more are entitled to purchase the Friends of Junior American Citizens pin from the DAR Insignia Store to wear on the official ribbon.



A second donation of an equal amount to a contribution fund entitles a member to purchase the "Best Friend" pin with a gold hanging bar from the DAR Insignia Store to wear on the official ribbon. The bar is engraved with the name of the committee/fund and the year the donation was made. Each additional donation of an equal amount of the required donation to a contribution fund entitles a member to purchase an additional engraved bar.