

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR
NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST**

**Sponsored by the National Patriotic Service Committee of
The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America.**

2011 ESSAY TOPIC:

“IN HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1776, GEORGE WASHINGTON WARNED AGAINST THE ADVENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN NATIONS WITH POPULACE-ELECTED GOVERNMENTS. DO YOU BELIEVE OUR NATION’S HISTORY SUPPORTS HIS VIEWS? EXPLAIN.”

- Contest open to: Students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades who are not previous winners.
- Essay format: Length: Essay must not exceed 750 words (excluding cover sheet, title and sources) or it will be disqualified. Essay must be typed, double-spaced, in 12 pt. Times or similar font, with student’s name and home address on each page. Essay must have a cover sheet with essay topic, student’s name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and cell phone number (if applicable.) Essay topic must not be in any way altered.
- Application form: Essay must be accompanied by a completed Colonial Dames/Washington Workshops application form, signed by student and parent or guardian, complete with photo (school picture, snapshot or photocopy is acceptable.) **Note: no** application fee is required by entrants as this is paid by the sponsoring organization.
- How to enter: **One** completed application form (with photo) and three copies of the essay are to be sent to the Colonial Dame listed on the application form (or the poster) by January 15, 2011. If that information is missing, please contact info@dumbartonhouse.org. and state student’s city and state of residence in order to obtain address for mailing. Essays are judged at the State, Regional and National level. Winners will be notified by mail in early April, 2011 by the National Consultant. Decision of the judges is final.
- Prize: A week in Washington, D.C. - **JUNE 18 - 24 2011!**
Attendance at a Congressional Seminar Workshop planned and coordinated by The Washington Workshops Foundation. The seminar is a unique experience in the study of American national government with emphasis on the concerns and activities of the United States Congress.
- Value: Approximately \$1,500 which pays for the following expenses: Application fee, tuition, seminar materials, local transportation (for seminar activities) plus college dorm room (double occupancy), bedding, linens and two meals daily (breakfast and dinner) at a university campus in the D. C. area. Funds toward travel/miscellaneous expenses are provided by some State Societies.

Local Contact:

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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN COOPERATION
WITH THE WASHINGTON WORKSHOPS FOUNDATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE
2011 CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR
FOR THE 2011 NSCDA ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS • JUNE 18-24, 2011, WASHINGTON, D.C.

42 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and The Washington Workshops Foundation have once again created an exciting Congressional Seminar for essay contest winners. The seven day program will focus on the legislative branch, federal government, international affairs, the role of the media and the must-see attractions of Washington, D.C. Please join us while we learn, celebrate and carry on the legacy and longstanding relationship of The Washington Workshops Foundation and The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

☆ SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS ☆

- Seven days in our nation's capital with on-site study of the U.S. Congress and Federal Government
 - Engaging, thought provoking guest speakers on the Legislative Branch, Federal Government and the media
 - Meet your U.S. Senators and Representatives on exclusive visits on Capitol Hill
 - Work with fellow students to pass a bill in the Model Congress, utilizing Congressional rules and procedures
 - Visit the National Mall, Mount Vernon, The Pentagon and the memorials and monuments of Washington, D.C.
 - Exposure to future opportunities such as The Washington Internship Experience and other programs offered by The Washington Workshops
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☆ SEMINAR INCLUDES ☆

- Campus housing – Safe and superb academic setting with recreational facilities at Marymount University
 - Breakfast and dinner each day of the seminar
 - Chartered motor coach transportation in and around the Washington, D.C. area
 - Full-time presence of trained seminar staff to provide interpretation, facilitation and supervision
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☆ SAMPLE SEMINAR ITINERARY ☆

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- Arrive - Welcome to Washington, D.C.!
- Welcome Dinner
- Introductions and Orientation
- Keynote Speaking Event
- Model Congress Orientation

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 - SYMBOLS OF OUR GREAT
COUNTRY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

- Visit the Estate and Gardens of George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Tour the Korean War, President Lincoln and Vietnam War Memorials
- Photos in front of the White House
- Dinner and Evening Discussion: The President and the Executive Branch

MONDAY, JUNE 20 - THE FOURTH ESTATE, THE
IMPORTANCE OF MEDIA IN GOVERNMENT

- Full morning in the newly opened Newseum, the World's Most Interactive News Museum

- Visit a Washington, D.C. news media outlet
- Dinner followed by a lecture from one of the Washington area media experts
- Committee meeting for The Model Congress

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 - EMBASSY VISIT AND RECEPTION
WITH THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL
DAMES OF AMERICA

- Learn about international diplomacy and a foreign country at a special arranged visit to one of Washington, D.C.'s Embassies
- Lunch in Georgetown
- National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Essay Contest Winner's Reception at the NSCDA Headquarters
- Washington by Night: A guided tour of the WWII, Jefferson and FDR Memorials

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 - CAPITOL HILL DAY

- Prearranged Congressional Appointments with U.S. Senators and Representatives
- Tour the U.S. Capitol Building, the Library of Congress and the National Botanic Garden
- Observe our law makers in action with visits to committee hearings or the House and Senate Galleries
- Dinner followed by committee hearings for the Model Congress

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 - THE MUSEUMS, MONUMENTS
AND MEMORIALS OF THE NATIONAL MALL

- Explore the National Mall with endless opportunities such as The Washington Monument, The U.S. Holocaust Museum, The Museums of the Smithsonian Institute and a number of renowned art museums
- Tour the U.S. Department of Defense, The Pentagon, with the newly opened Pentagon Memorial honoring the victims of September 11, 2001
- Dinner before returning to Capitol Hill to collaborate to pass a bill in the final Model Congress meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 - DEPART FOR HOME

The Washington Workshops Foundation is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan education foundation, founded in 1967, which annually presents experiential education and career exploration seminars in Washington, D.C. for high school and junior high school students from across the nation and around the world.

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WIN A WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JUNE 18-24, 2011



The U.S. Capitol Building.



Students enjoy a visit to the Lincoln Memorial.



Make lifetime friends with fellow students from across the United States.



Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), Senate Majority Leader, addresses students on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building.



Previous National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Essay Winners in front of the Dumbarton House.



Students reading newspapers at the Newseum.

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Essays are due January 15, 2011.

Please visit www.nscda.org and workshops.org for essay title, contest rules, regulations and more details on the 2011 Congressional Seminar.

If you have any questions, please contact your NSCDA State Representative listed below: