

VIRGINIA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
ARTHUR M. & BERDENA KING SCHOLARSHIP  
Examples of Essay Topics

*(The essay should have a patriotic theme and be approximately five-hundred words or less.)*

Signer of Declaration of Independence

Military or naval service

Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774

Service from April 19, 1775 to November 26, 1783

Civil service under the Colonies from April 19, 1775 to November 26, 1783, inclusive Patriotic service by men or women during the Revolutionary period including a member of committees made necessary by the War, such as Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; Committee to care for soldiers' families; including Committees from six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant which furthered the cause of the Colonies.

Any pledge to support the cause of the Colonies, such as signing the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance, Articles of Association, or the Association Test.

Members of all Continental Congresses.

Furnishing a substitute for military service.

Signers of Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775; Albemarle, Virginia Declaration; and similar declarations.

Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments.

Persons accepting obligations or acting under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc.

Members of Boston Tea Party; Kaskaskia Campaign; Galvez Expedition; Cherokee Expedition; or Edenton Tea Party.

Physician, Surgeon, nurse or others rendering aid to the wounded and ministers known to be in sympathy with the Colonies, either by sermon, speech or action.

Defenders of forts and frontiers; Rangers.

Prisoners of war, including those on British ship "Old Jersey" and other prison ships.

Rendering material aid, such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration; lending money to the colonies, munitions makers and gunsmiths; or anything which furthered the Cause.

A battle or campaign during the Revolution, Valley Forge; some interesting episode in the life of an ancestor.