

NSCDA-TX Scholarships

(September 2022)

Scholarships:

The Patriotic Service Chair facilitates and oversees the following four awards and scholarships:

1. Congressional Seminar Essay Contest:

This essay contest is a major project of The NSCDA held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private nonprofit educational program in American government for high school students.

Two Texas high school winners receive full tuition from the NSCDA in Texas, including seminar materials, university campus housing, and two meals daily, for a week of citizenship education about the national government and tours of sites in our nation's capital.

Airfare and money for incidentals, provided by the Texas Dames, are also included. These funds are most often made available by the Town Committees where the winning students live and attend school.

2. NSCDA-TX Scholarship in American History

This \$2000 award is to be presented annually to a graduate student of American history in the UT Austin History Department. (Previously rotated among Town Committees to local graduate students, the decision was made in May 2017 to keep this scholarship in Austin. This would develop an ongoing relationship with the University and improve the visibility of the NCHM.) The Patriotic Service Chairman should create a packet of information about the NSCDA and the NCHM to accompany the check presented to the recipient of the scholarship. If possible, the check and packet should be presented in person.

The Historical Activities Chairman facilitates and oversees this scholarship:

1. Texas History Day Scholarships (Colonial Dames Awards):

Two scholarships of \$225 each are awarded annually – one to a middle school student (junior division) and one to a high school student (senior division). The Historical Activities Chairman works with the Texas State Historical Association to decide on a topic for the Texas History Day Fair essay contest. The Texas History Day Fair is held in May in Austin. The Historical Activities Chairman should attend the Fair to present the award or should send a substitute from the NSCDA-TX.

2. American Heritage Award (Rotates among Region III States)

This scholarship/award is to be presented to an organization, group, or student to promote knowledge of patriotism and American heritage through community work, projects, or through

a course of study. Our national organization and the other Region III states contribute funds for this award. Texas will be the **Spotlight Society** that presents the award in 2025-2026.

More information can be found on the National website.

Spotlight Society dates are as follows:

2021-2022: North Carolina

2022-2023: Oklahoma

2023-2024: Tennessee

2024-2025: Florida

2025-2026: Texas

2026-2027: South Carolina

2027-2028: Mississippi

2028-2029: Arkansas

2029-2030: Louisiana

2030-2031: Georgia

2031-2032: Alabama