



# Educational Programs

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## Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

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The DAR sponsors this contest with the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) in honor of Christopher Columbus. Each academic year, an essay topic is chosen and contest instructions are made available to students.

- The contest is open to students in grades 9-12.
- Essays are judged for historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of materials, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness.
- Additional rules and guidelines can be found by contacting your local DAR chapter.

One winning essay from each participating chapter is submitted for judging on the state level. Each state winner is judged on the divisional level and the divisional winners move on to the national level, where the winner is announced. The national winner is invited to read their winning essay at the National Columbus Day celebration in Washington, D.C.

**For additional contest information or guidelines, please contact your local DAR chapter or visit [DAR.org](http://DAR.org).**

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact their local DAR chapters for more detailed information on these programs.

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