

NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST
WIN SCHOLARSHIP FOR A CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON, DC
June 16-22, 2012

Sponsored by the National Patriotic Services Committee of
National Society of The Colonial Dames of America

2012 ESSAY TOPIC:

**DISCUSS THE RELEVANCE TODAY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S STATEMENT
'A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND'**

CONTEST OPEN TO:

- Students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades who are not previous winners
- In order to qualify the instructions listed below must be followed:

ESSAY FORMAT:

- The length must not exceed 750 words (excluding cover sheet, title and sources).
- The essay must be typed, double-spaced, on one side only, in 12 pt. Times New Roman or similar font, with student's name and home address on each page.
- The essay must have a cover sheet with essay topic, student's name, home address, telephone, e-mail address and cell phone number (if applicable).
- The essay topic must not be altered in any way.

APPLICATION FORM:

- The essay must be accompanied by a completed Colonial Dames/Washington Workshops application form.
- Note: no application fee is required by entrants as this is paid by the sponsoring organization

HOW TO ENTER:

- See Online Registration OR send one completed application form and three copies of the essay to the address listed on the bottom of this form (or the poster) by January 15, 2012. If that information is missing, please contact info@dumbartonhouse.org and provide student's city and state of residence in order to obtain address for mailing.
- Essays are judged at the State, Regional and National levels. Winners will be notified by mail in April 2012 by the National Consultant. Decision of the judges is final.

PRIZE:

A week in Washington, D.C., June 16-22, 2012, to attend 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:

The value is 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.

See www.nscda.org and www.workshops.org for more information.

LOCAL CONTACT:

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