

Scholarship opportunities for high school students



Enhanced JROTC Program/Essay Contest For Junior Year Cadets

ATTENTION: To: Senior Military Instructors (SMI) or designee at a JROTC participating high school in the Broward County Public Schools. **Subj:** Your nominated and qualifying JROTC junior-year cadet could be a 2026 winner of the SAR Enhanced JROTC Program and Essay Contest. **Message:** The Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR invites you and your outstanding cadet to apply by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2026.

PRIZES: Winners receive cash awards at the local and state level and cash awards or educational scholarships at the national level. The local first place winner (determined before March 31, 2026) is then submitted to state. The state first place winner (determined before May 1, 2026) is then submitted to national with the national winners determined by or before early July 2026. Prizes are:

1. **Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR.** Cash awards: 1st Place, \$250 and the SAR Bronze Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal; 2nd Place, \$150; 3rd Place, \$100. All applicants receive the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.
2. **Florida Society SAR.** Cash awards: 1st Place, \$1,000; 2nd Place, \$500; and 3rd Place, \$250.
3. **National Society SAR:** Winners receive: 1st Place, \$6,000; 2nd Place, \$3,000; 3rd Place, \$1,000; 4th Place, \$500; & 5th Place, \$500. The First Place Winner will be asked to appear at the SAR Annual Congress (held in July 2026 at Greensboro, NC), and will also receive a \$1,500 travel and lodging allowance. The national awards may be taken as either a cash award, or as a scholarship to an educational institution.

ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: This Invitation to Apply is for the 2025-26 school year. The contest is open to the outstanding junior-year JROTC Cadet nominated by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI) of each separate high school program in the Broward County Public Schools District. The SMI may nominate any one cadet (not necessarily the top cadet) who is:

- in the 3rd year of a 4-year Program or 2nd year of a 3-year Program (**cadet must be a junior**);
- in the top 10% of JROTC Class
- in the top 25% of his/her Student Body Class, or have a non-weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher in a 4.0 curriculum.

The application consists of a Nomination Form and Two Recommendations completed by the **SMI** who verifies the cadet **is** within the top 10% of his cadet class, and the school **Principal** who verifies the **Overall Class Standing** and **GPA** of the cadet. The qualifying cadet must write and attach to the form an original 500–700-word essay on the **Essay Topic**:

"How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America."

HOW TO APPLY TO THE FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER SAR. The SMI or designee must obtain a copy of the 2025-26 application package by registering via e-mail with the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR ROTC / JROTC Chairman as provided below. In the message request, please provide the name of the SMI or POC, the high school or academy, and the unit's type. This is also the e-mail address to which you will send the completed application. **Note:** at the time of registration you do not have to have made your candidate selection nor are you obligated to submit a nominee and completed application.

Fort Lauderdale SAR Chapter JROTC / ROTC Chairman Contact Information:

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For Clarifying Questions (and not to register), call:

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