

Authorized Cover Sheet

National Sojourners 2011 Essay Contest

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Prizes

1 st Place	\$2000 Savings Bond and National Sojourner Plaque
2 nd Place	\$1000 Savings Bond and National Sojourner Plaque
3 rd Place	\$500 Savings Bond and National Sojourner Plaque

Theme

Patriotic Songs

Who doesn't like a good Patriotic Song? Many have been written, including: "America the Beautiful" – Katherine Bates & Samuel Ward; "The Star Spangled Banner" – Francis Scott Key; "You're A Grand Old Flag" – George Cohen; "The Stars and Stripes Forever" – John Philip Sousa; "The Yankee Doodle Boy" – George Cohan; "America [My Country 'Tis of Thee]" – Samuel Francis Smith; "Battle Hymn of the Republic" – Julia Ward Howe. There are also some old standards, like: "Yankee Doodle;" "When Johnny Comes Marching Home;" and "Dixie." Don't forget the service songs: "The Caissons Go Rolling Along" – Edmund Gruber; "The Marine's Hymn" – Jacques Offenbach; "Anchors Aweigh" – Alfred Miles & Chas. Zimmerman; "The Air Force Song" – Robert Crawford; and "Always Ready" – Francis Van Boskerck. Maybe you're a country music fan: "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" – Toby Keith; "If You're Reading This" – Tim McGraw; "Arlington" – Trace Adkins; "8th of November" – Big & Rich; "Fighting Side of Me" – Merle Haggard; "Only In America" - Brooks & Dunn; "God Bless the USA" – Lee Greenwood; "The Ballad of Ira Hayes" – Johnny Cash; "Some Gave All" – Billy Ray Cyrus; "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" – Alan Jackson. Or maybe you have another favorite Patriotic Song. Or maybe you can even write some great lyrics, or already have. If you had to pick one as your favorite, which one would it be?

Question

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PATRIOTIC SONG? WHY?

[YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE ONE OF THE EXAMPLES LISTED ABOVE. YOU MAY ALSO WRITE YOUR OWN VERSE AND EXPLAIN WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL.]

Rules

Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9th to 12th grades [including home schooled students]

Essays length is 300 to 500 words [include word count, cite quotations]

Submit essay to local National Sojourner Chapter using this Authorized Cover Sheet [filled out completely]

Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters [postmarked by Jan. 15th, 2011]

Student Information

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____

Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Chapter Information

[Chapter Hint: Fill Chapter Information out completely before copying form for local distribution]

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