

## ***OSDAR Good Citizens Committee Information***

***Greetings to all Ohio Daughters from the Good Citizens Scholarship Awards Committee. We are very excited about the program and encourage all chapters in the state to become actively involved.***

The National DAR Good Citizens award and (optional) scholarship is a wonderful way to recognize an outstanding high school senior at all of the high schools in your area. Participating students have the opportunity to compete for a \$500 check from the Ohio DAR and one boy and one girl ultimately will receive a \$5000 scholarship from the National DAR. An added bonus is the positive recognition your DAR chapter receives in your area.

Our committee provides you with all of the materials and instructions that you will need to participate. We have beautiful certificates and gold pins available for just \$2.50 per set. You can purchase these in person at the Fall Fun Fair. If you order them by mail, there will be an added cost of \$8.00 to cover the expense of shipping materials to protect your purchase, and postage.

Please study the timeline and procedures on the back of this paper. Further information and forms may be found on our informational website. Please do not hesitate to direct questions to your District Vice Chair or to me.

Thank you,

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***Forms and information may be found at <http://genmarker.com/good> (all lowercase)***

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## Overview of the Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Process:

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- Your chapter contacts high schools in your area that you wish to ask to participate.
- Each high school selects its own (one) winner based upon the criteria that is provided.
- Some students/schools may want to stop there, and your chapter can provide them with an award set which is usually given to the student at their end-of-year award program.
- Most students who win their school award will want to do the essay and compete for the scholarship. Those schools will send your chapter the full packet so that you may have your judges select a chapter winner from among all the students who enter. This winner receives your chapter award and you forward that student's complete packet to your District Vice Chair.
- Each District Vice Chair then has judges select the best student from among all the chapter winners in her district and forwards that winner's packet to the State Chair for judging. Eventually, this process makes it to the National Level.

## Chapter Time Line and Procedures:

July	<p>Determine the high schools in your area that you wish to ask to participate. You will eventually need one award set for each high school and one award set for your chapter winner. Send someone to Fall Fun Fair at the end of August to purchase those award sets.</p> <p>Go to <a href="http://genmarker.com/good">http://genmarker.com/good</a> to obtain copies of the information packets, directions and a handy checklist. Make sure your forms are for the current year.</p>
August	<p>Contact high schools in your area and take an application packet to each high school principal. Ask for a few minutes to explain the contest. Visiting before the school year starts is very important. Once the year starts, everyone is so busy that things may get "lost in the shuffle" and this is a very time sensitive program. Usually it will then become the senior high counselor who you will be working with to complete the application process.</p>
October 15	<p>Deadline for each high school to submit their Good Citizen winner to the local chapter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If their school winner does not wish to apply for the scholarship, the process for them ends. Your chapter will present the award set to the student as the winner from that high school.</li><li>• If the school winner wishes to apply for the scholarship, the school must submit <u>three copies of the entire packet PLUS the original packet</u> to your chapter. Protect the student's original packet since it continues up the judging chain. Do not mark on it.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Carefully check that all parts of the application are present, contacting the school to obtain anything that is not there. Remember, we do not penalize the student for the mistakes of the adults in this process. Please work with the school contact people.</li><li>○ Provide a scholarship application copy and a judge's form to each of <b>THREE</b> judges (2 must be non-DAR members) for judging. It may be best to do this before you meet as a group. When the judging group gets together (perhaps 3 judges and the chapter chair), the meeting can focus on determining, through discussion, your chapter winner from among the submitted school winners.</li></ul></li></ul>
November 15	<p>Deadline to submit your (one) chapter winner to your District Vice Chair.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Send the original full application packet.</li><li>2. Send three additional copies of the full application.</li><li>3. Send your signed judges sheets.</li><li>4. Send the Chapter Chairman's Report. The report form is on the website - please send your chapter's report even if you are not sending a winner to be judged.</li></ol> <p>This is also a great time to write publicity to send to the appropriate newspapers in your area and deliver certificates to the high school for their school winners with a letter to thank the counselor (or whoever organized the process at the school level). Be sure to make a repeat contact in April to allow time for arrangements for award ceremonies. Some high schools will ask you to present the award at the senior awards day, usually in May.</p>