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ANNUAL COL. J.J. MAHONEY
CONFEDERATE HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

For

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Jefferson Davis

THIS YEAR IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF
JEFFERSON DAVIS



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SOUTHERN HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST FOR 2009

Open To All

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WINNER RECEIVES

\$1,000 U.S. Saving Bond
Publication of Essay in The Charleston Mercury
One Year Subscription to The Confederate Veteran Magazine For Student
And For Student's School

Lesser Prizes for 2nd and 3rd Place Essays

In Honor of Jefferson Davis' 200 Birthday
The Essay Topic May Be Either

**JEFFERSON DAVIS; HIS IMPRISONMENT AND THE TRIAL THAT NEVER
WAS. THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF SECESSION**

OR

**JEFFERSON DAVIS' IMPRINT ON AMERICAN HISTORY.
ARMY OFFICER, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, U.S. SENATOR,
U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION STATES**

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COL. J.J. MAHONEY MEMORIAL CONFEDERATE HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

The Fort Sumter Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans conducts an annual essay for high school students in memory of our past member Col. J. J. Mahoney, former faculty member of The Citadel. All students currently attending high school are eligible to enter the contest.

PRIZES

- The student submitting the winning essay will receive a \$1,000.00 U.S. Savings Bond.
- The winning essay will be published in *The Charleston Mercury*.
- The student submitting the winning essay will receive a one-year subscription to *The Confederate Veteran* magazine.
- The winning student's school will receive a one-year subscription to *The Confederate Veteran* magazine.
- Prizes will also be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd place essays

TOPICS

For the year 2009 contest the topics may be either

- Jefferson Davis; His Imprisonment And The Trial That Never Was. The Constitutional Right Of Secession
- OR
- Jefferson Davis' Imprint On American History. Army Officer, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, U.S. Secretary Of War, President Of The Confederate States.

RULES

- The essay must be between 600 and 1200 words in length
- The essay must be type written, double spaced in 12 pt. type or larger.
- A bibliography in standard style is required.
- The essay must be solely the work of the student, and the student must submit the signed and dated pledge on the information sheet that is to be turned in with the essay that the work is solely the student's work.
- All entries become the property of Fort Sumter Camp.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

A committee composed of members of the Fort Sumter Camp, including current and/or retired college professors, will review and rank the essays that are timely submitted. The chief criteria are:

- The quality of scholarship and research
- The use of correct grammar and spelling
- The originality of the work on the subject chosen
- The use of primary sources of material for research

**INFORMATION SHEET
TO ACCOMPANY ESSAY**

Student's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Telephone _____

Principal _____

Student's High School Class _____

Parents or Guardian _____

Timely submission of essays is a requirement of the contest. Essays must be submitted by U.S. Mail and postmarked no later than April 1, 2009. Mail entry along with this sheet with the signed pledge to:
Fort Sumter Camp Essay Contest
128 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

PLEDGE

I (printed name) _____ pledge that this essay consists only of my personal work and effort.

Signed Name

Date