

Re: Annual New York SUVCW Scholarship and Essay Contest

Dear Guidance Counselor/Student Advisor,

The Department of New York Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is proud to announce the availability of the New York SUVCW Annual Scholarship and Essay Contest. The contest is open to all High School Seniors in New York. One scholarship will be awarded to help pay for books or other expenses for post-secondary education or military service. The scholarship is \$500.00 and is awarded each Memorial Day to the high school senior who demonstrates high academic achievement, a record of performance in school and community activities, an interest in the heritage of the United States, a letter of recommendation from either a school counselor, teacher or a responsible person in the community and a 500-word essay on a topic selected annually by the Department of New York SUVCW. All applications, essays and recommendations must be postmarked no later than **31 March 2027**, and mailed to the address listed on the enclosed application. The winner will be announced on Memorial Day and notified by mail with a copy to the school. All submissions shall become the property of the SUVCW, Department of New York.

*The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is heir to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and is a fraternal, patriotic, and educational organization chartered by Act of Congress (Title 36 U.S.C. sections 200301 et seq.) and is made up of males who are descendants of soldiers, sailors or members of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served the Union during the American Civil War. The GAR was a veterans organization made up of veterans of the Union army, navy and revenue cutter service and founded Decoration Day, now known as Memorial Day.

*I enclose a copy of the application and Scholarship protocol which may be duplicated but must be used. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Chairperson New York SUVCW Scholarship Committee