



Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Susanna Cook Tent 61
Somerset, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Patti Opfar
Rockwood Area School District
439 Somerset Avenue
Rockwood, PA 15557

March 15, 2024

Dear Mrs. Opfar,

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Susanna Cook Tent 61 in Somerset is excited to make a scholarship opportunity available to all your senior students. Students interested in applying for the scholarship will be required to write an essay to answer a question connected to the mission of the organization, but which also has current event implications.

The topic for this year's essay is, **On July 9, 1868, the Fourteenth Amendment granted citizenship to all persons, "born or naturalized in the United States," and provided all citizens with "equal protection under the laws." Discuss the impact of the 14th Amendment at the time it was ratified and why the 14th Amendment is still being discussed today in the fight for racial equality and other social justice movements.**

Submitted papers will be judged by a team of DUVCW members and the winning entry will be awarded \$500.00. This opportunity will be advertised in the *Somerset Daily American* and will be available to any senior in Somerset County.

Enclosed is a cover sheet that must be submitted with each entry. Submissions can be emailed to Sharon Harkcom at sharkcom21@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact me at dendarkay@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Daryl Reed, Secretary
Susanna Cook Tent 61
PA DUVCW



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Essay Topic - 2024

The essay topic for 2024 is: On July 9, 1868, the Fourteenth Amendment granted citizenship to all persons, “born or naturalized in the United States,” and provided all citizens with “equal protection under the laws.” **Discuss the impact of the 14th Amendment at the time it was ratified and why the 14th Amendment is still being discussed today in the fight for racial equality and other social justice movements.**

Essays should be sufficient length to adequately cover the topic.

Essay Cover Sheet

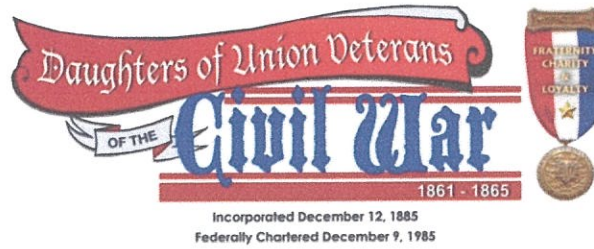
Complete the following information and attach this cover sheet to your essay. Do not include any personal information in your essay.

Name: _____

Address _____

Email Address (do not use a school email address if you are unable to receive messages from outside the school. Use a personal email address.)

School District: _____



SUSANNA COOK TENT 61 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Purpose of scholarship: This scholarship will be presented annually to a Somerset County senior; however, if there are no eligible applicants, there will be no scholarship awarded.

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School District _____

Proposed Graduation Date _____

Eligibility: The applicant must be a senior in a Somerset County Pennsylvania school district or homeschool.

Scholarship: The scholarship will consist of a certificate and \$500 as approved annually by the committee.

Application and Evaluation: In addition to the application form, applicants are to provide a 500-word essay on a topic chosen annually. The information will be evaluated on content, organization, grammar, spelling, punctuation and neatness. All essays must be the original work of the applicant and use appropriate citations.

Attachments:

____ Completed application form

____ Essay with citations

Deadline for submission of the application is May 1. The submission will be reviewed by a committee of three (3), who are unrelated to the applicant and appointed by the current Tent President. The committee reserves the right not to issue an award.

Return this form with attachments to the following chairperson:

Sharon Harkcom, President
Susanna Cook Tent 61
PA DUVCW
skharkcom21@gmail.com