

## Western Reserve Society

## **Sons of the American Revolution**



## 8th Grade Good Citizenship Award

<u>Program</u>: The Western Reserve Society SAR is America's oldest and largest local chapter of our national organization (NSSAR) chartered by an Act of the US Congress in 1906 and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt.

Our organization is an educational, historic, patriotic, and genealogical **non-partisan** organization comprised of members who can trace their lineage back to an ancestor who supported the US cause in the American Revolutionary War. As such, we encourage all students to live up to America's greatest ideals – those accomplished and those we have yet to fulfill.

<u>Eligibility</u>: Any student, male or female, enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in any public, private or parochial school in northeastern Ohio. Home school students are also eligible although through a different process.

<u>Award</u>: Students chosen by each school will be reviewed by members of the WRSSAR and upon approval, each student will be issued a formal Good Citizenship Certificate which can be awarded at the school's spring awards/honors programs and a pocket Constitution booklet.

**Criteria for the Award**: Please use these criteria in determining your winners

**Personal Character**: as evidenced by honesty, trustworthiness, generosity, humility, dependability, and self-control.

**Community Building**: as evidenced by compassion for others, respect for for others / property / environment; courtesy, inclusiveness, seeking harmony, and displaying kindness.

**Leadership**: as evidenced by the respect others show towards him/her; possessing good judgement & a sense of fairness, and displaying the courage to stand up for others or one's principles.

**Citizenship**: as evidenced by unselfishly helping others, the school, the family the local community or the country – reflecting the best American virtues.

<u>Process</u>: (2 options): Each school has some freedom to amend the process as best suits their needs.

- a) Teachers or Administrators may select 1-2 students per 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies class as recipient of the award.
- b) 1-2 students are nominated by fellow students for each 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies class using secret ballot. School Administrators/teachers approve the final list of candidates and forward the results to the WRSSAR via email or USPS.