



*Sophia Fleming Chapter*

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Ms. Melissa McCrosky, Guidance  
Orange Park High School  
2300 Kingsley Avenue  
Orange Park, Florida 32073

Dear Ms. McCrosky,

**The Sophia Fleming Chapter, NSDAR plans to offer one \$1,000 Scholarship for a Graduating High School Senior from Clay County.**

I request your support in distributing the enclosed scholarship application forms to any 2018 graduating senior pursuing a postsecondary education program. **This includes academic, career and professional postsecondary education programs.** There is **no GPA requirement** for seniors applying for these scholarships.

This is our Chapter's ninth year to offer scholarships to Clay County graduating seniors. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books or materials. Our goal is to increase funding and the number of scholarships we can offer in the future.

Applications are due February 23, 2018, and the winning recipients will be notified the week of March 27, 2018. Applications should not be hand delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail. Each applicant will receive an email or telephone call saying that his/her application has been received. The applications must be received on or before the deadline date.

If you need additional applications, the form and "Directions to High School Applicants" are available on our website at [www.sophiaflemingchapter.org](http://www.sophiaflemingchapter.org). Applications must be printed or typed and should be mailed to:

Lynda Lewis, Chairman  
Sophia Fleming DAR Scholarship  
316 Scenic Point Lane  
Fleming Island, FL 32003

A committee of Chapter judges will review all applications, and points will be awarded in the areas of: essay, awards, recognitions and community service, and school and community letters of recommendation. Thank you in advance for assisting us with the distribution process. If you have any questions please contact Lynda Lewis at 904-699-0312.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lewis  
Scholarship Chairman



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**Directions to Clay County, 2018 High School Graduating Seniors for the 2018 Sophia Fleming Scholarship**

**Please Note: It is very important that you carefully follow the directions below in order to be a finalist for this scholarship. We will offer (1) \$1,000 Scholarship. Home School students are eligible if they live in Clay County.**

1. After you have completed your application documents, ask others to review them, suggest changes, and/or make corrections. Reviewers might be your school counselor, a teacher, a family member, or other adult.
  
2. There are three sections to be completed when applying for a Sophia Fleming Scholarship, as given below.
  - A. **Section I:** Present an essay of 400 words or less entitled **"The United States of America: What It Means to Me."** If your essay exceeds 400 words, your application will be disqualified.  
Recommended Guide for Your Essay:  
A good way to approach an essay is to envision it as a five part project.  
An essay is made up of (1) the introduction, (2) three or more main points (the body), and (3) the conclusion. It might follow this format:
    - Introduction
    - Point One
    - Point Two
    - Point Three
    - Conclusion
  - B. **Section II:** List any community service, awards, and recognitions you received throughout grades 9 through 12. Awards might be monetary rewards or plaques, pins, and certificates for outstanding performance. Recognitions might be your name in the school or community newspaper for participation in a national, school or community activity or school announcements of such participations.
  - C. **Section III:** Present a minimum of two Letters of Recommendation – one from an adult school representative and one from a community member who has worked with you or witnessed your contribution to the community. Please ask the writer to be specific about your accomplishments to this organization.  
A school representative might be your school counselor, the school principal, or a teacher. A community member might be your church minister or the president of an organization such as Lions Club or Kiwanis Club.

**3. Deadline for Completed Application to Be Received: February 23, 2018.**

**Please use regular mail. Applications will not be accepted if sent by certified or registered mail or delivered to my home. You will receive an email or telephone call that your application has been received. The application must be received on or before the deadline date of February 23, 2018 in order for it to be eligible for consideration. Winners will be notified the week of March 27, 2018.**

4. Mail application documents to:

Lynda Lewis, Chairman, Sophia Fleming Scholarship Committee  
Sophia Fleming Chapter, NSDAR  
316 Scenic Point Lane  
Fleming Island, FL 32003

Thank you for your application. It will be given careful consideration.