Privacy Statement

Effective date: September 1, 2026
Organization: General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution
Website: https://gjbsar.org

The General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is committed to protecting the privacy of the students, applicants, award recipients, donors, volunteers, members, and visitors who interact with our organization and website. This Privacy Statement explains what information we collect, how we use it, when we share it, and the choices available to you.

Our organization administers a variety of activities which recognizes and/or supports decedents of the American Revolution, students, veterans, community members and other eligible recipients. We also accept charitable contributions to help fund and sustain these programs.

Information We Collect

We may collect information you provide directly to us, including:

- **Contact information**, such as your name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, organization or school affiliation, and preferred method of contact.
- **Donation information**, such as donation amount, date, designation or fund preference, tribute or memorial information, and communication preferences.
- **Payment-related information.** Online payments are processed by a third-party payment processor. We generally do not store complete credit-card or bank-account numbers on our systems.
- **Awards-program information**, such as applicant or nominee names, school or organizational affiliations, application materials, biographies, resumes, letters of recommendation, submitted work, eligibility information, and selection-related correspondence.
- **Communications**, including information you provide when you contact us, register for an event, subscribe to updates, respond to a survey, or submit a form.
- **Website-use information**, such as IP address, browser type, device type, pages visited, referring links, and general usage activity, collected through server logs, cookies, or similar technologies.

Please do not submit sensitive personal information unless we specifically request it and it is necessary for the awards program or another stated purpose.

How We Use Information

We may use personal information to:

- Administer, review, and communicate about applications, nominations, awards, scholarships, grants, recognition activities, and related events.
- Process, acknowledge, and maintain records of donations and donor designations.

- Issue tax acknowledgments and other legally required records.
- Communicate with donors, applicants, recipients, members, volunteers, and community partners.
- Send news, event notices, fundraising appeals, program updates, and other communications that may be of interest to you, subject to your communication preferences.
- Recognize donors or award recipients when permission has been provided or when recognition is customary and permitted by law.
- Improve our website, programs, fundraising efforts, communications, and services.
- Protect against fraud, misuse, security incidents, or violations of applicable law.
- Comply with legal, tax, accounting, reporting, and record-retention obligations.

Donations and Donor Privacy

We respect the privacy of our donors.

1. We use donor information to process contributions, provide receipts and acknowledgments, maintain required financial records, and communicate about the impact of donations and future opportunities to support our mission.
2. We do **not** sell, rent, or trade donor names, mailing addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, or other personal information to other organizations for their fundraising or marketing purposes.
3. A donor may select an anonymity option for any published donor-recognition list.
4. Unless an anonymity option is selected, a donor's name will be shown in any published donor-recognition list as indicated by the preferred public display name on the donation form.
5. Donations may be processed through third-party services, such as GiveButter.com or GiveChariot.com. Those providers handle payment data under their own privacy and security practices.
6. If a contribution is made in honor or memory of another person, we may notify the honoree or designated family contact of the donor's name and message, but not the gift amount unless the donor authorizes disclosure.

Awards Program Information

Information submitted in connection with an award, scholarship, grant, nomination, or application may be shared with individuals involved in administering or evaluating the program, including staff, board members, committee members, judges, reviewers, and appropriate partnering organizations.

We may use award-recipient names, photographs, biographies, award titles, school or organizational affiliations, and general descriptions of accomplishments in announcements, newsletters, websites, social-media posts, annual reports, event programs, and other mission-related communications. When appropriate, we will obtain consent before using photographs, detailed biographies, student information, or other information that may require additional permission.

Applicants, nominees, and recipients should avoid including unnecessary sensitive personal information in submitted materials.

When We Share Information

We may share personal information only as reasonably necessary to carry out our mission and operations, including with:

- Payment processors, donation platforms, email services, website hosts, cloud-storage providers, event-registration services, and other vendors that support our operations.
- Awards-program reviewers, selection committees, judges, and partner organizations, as necessary to administer the program.
- Professional advisers, such as accountants, auditors, insurers, attorneys, or technology providers.
- Government agencies, regulators, law-enforcement authorities, or other parties when required by law or when necessary to protect rights, safety, property, or the integrity of our organization.
- Successor organizations or entities in connection with a merger, reorganization, dissolution, or transfer of organizational assets, as permitted by law.

Service providers may use personal information only to perform services on our behalf and as otherwise permitted by law.

Email and Communication Choices

You may opt out of nonessential fundraising or promotional emails at any time by using the unsubscribe link in an email or by contacting us at gjbsar@gmail.com.

Even if you opt out of fundraising or promotional messages, we may still send communications related to a donation receipt, award application, program participation, event registration, account request, legal notice, or other transaction or service you have requested.

Cookies and Website Analytics

Our website may use cookies and similar technologies to operate properly, remember preferences, understand website traffic, and improve visitor experience. You may adjust your browser settings to refuse or delete cookies; however, some website features may not function properly if cookies are disabled.

If we use third-party analytics, embedded donation forms, video players, maps, social-media features, or other outside services, those providers may collect information under their own privacy policies. We encourage visitors to review the privacy policies of those services.

Data Security and Retention

We use reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards designed to protect personal information from unauthorized access, use, alteration, or disclosure. No method of online transmission or electronic storage is completely secure, however, and we cannot guarantee absolute security.

We retain personal information only for as long as reasonably necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this statement, administer our programs, maintain donor and financial records, resolve disputes, enforce agreements, and comply with legal or tax obligations.

Children and Student Information

Our website is not intended to collect personal information from those under the age of majority (18 years in the State of Illinois) without appropriate consent.If an awards program involves minors or students, we will seek consent from a parent, guardian, school, or other authorized party when required by applicable law or program policy.

If you believe an underage person has provided personal information to us without appropriate consent, please contact us at gjbsar@gmail.com so we can review and address the matter.

Your Privacy Requests

Subject to applicable law, you may request to:

- Review or correct certain personal information we maintain about you.
- Update your contact or communication preferences.
- Request that we stop sending fundraising or promotional communications.
- Request anonymity in donor-recognition materials.
- Ask questions about how your information is used.

To make a request, contact:

GJBSAR Chapter President
Attn: Website Privacy Concerns
2911 Dodge Drive
Bloomington, IL 61704
Email: gjbsar@gmail.com

We may need to verify your identity before responding to a privacy request.

Links to Other Websites

Our website may link to websites, donation pages, social-media platforms, or services operated by third parties. We are not responsible for the privacy practices or content of those third-party sites. Please review their privacy policies before providing personal information.

Changes to This Statement

We may update this Privacy Statement from time to time. We will post the revised statement on our website and update the effective date below. Your continued use of our website or participation in our programs after changes are posted indicates your acceptance of the updated statement, to the extent permitted by law.

Contact Us

Questions or concerns about this Privacy Statement may be directed to:

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