

PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 250TH ANNIVERSARY DIGITAL HISTORY PROJECT CONTEST FOR NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

March 31, 2026 – Registration Deadline
June 12, 2026 – Final Submission Deadline
By September 11, 2026 – Prize winners notified

Todd Quackenbush, a trustee of the Princeton Battlefield Society (PBS) and speaking on behalf of PBS, has announced a 250th Anniversary contest for New Jersey high school students. Prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 will be awarded to winners, supported by The George H. and Estelle M. Sands Foundation.

“The upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Princeton,” explained Quackenbush, “is not only a time to remember America’s past, but an opportunity to ask new questions about it. Our contest invites New Jersey high school students to move beyond memorizing historical facts but instead, think like historians by analyzing historical events and figures, interpreting them, and communicating ideas to a public audience.”

Using digital media, students are encouraged to explore how the American Revolution shaped New Jersey and how its stories continue to influence ideas about leadership, conflict, loyalty, and civic responsibility today. By participating, students will become active interpreters of history during a once-in-a-lifetime anniversary.

Guidelines and information on the contest may be secured on the Princeton Battlefield Society website (www.pbs1777.org) or by email to outreach.pbs1777@gmail.com

Students may submit either: a **Video** (MP4 format – MP4 4K 60 resolution) or an **Audio Podcast** (MP3 format). Submissions must be between **5 and 10 minutes**.

Each submission must focus on an event, person, demographic group, document, or topic related to the **American Revolution (1775–1783) in New Jersey**.

Submissions may take the form of a Documentary, Dramatization, Interview, Animation, Debate, Advertisement, or another creative format.

Each student must work with a **Sponsoring Teacher**, who is currently employed by the student’s school To provide guidance on topic selection, research, structure, and content. For home-schooled students, a qualified parent, tutor, or mentor may serve as the Sponsoring Teacher.