

- I. This application is for a chapter to volunteer to serve as the Phoenician Essay Judging Committee (PEJC) for the annual MOWW Phoenician Essay Contest. The committee will judge essays at the national level and requires that none of the chapter members have been exposed to any competing essay or the identity of the author prior to the contest advancing to the national level. Serving as the PEJC is a specifically recognized Patriotic Education Program (PEP) project and can contribute to a chapter's overall scoring for a PEP Award.
 - a. The project will rotate annually among volunteer Chapters.
 - b. Chapters eligible for serving as the PEJC (national level) are those which would not be directly involved with the contest prior to its advancing to the national level. The Phoenician Essay Contest is open to the top three graduates of each Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) held in the preceding school year. If your chapter hosted or sponsored students to a YLC, it is likely that your chapter will have been directly involved with the contest by the time it advances to national level. If your chapter is sponsored one of the top three graduates of a YLC, your chapter will be ineligible to serve as the judging committee at the national level.
 - c. The composition of this judging committee is to be three or more of your MOWW Chapter members of varied backgrounds, and **at least as many non-MOWW members**, e.g., teachers, clergy, businesspersons.
 - d. The maximum number of essays if all chapters, regions and YLCs participate is sixty based on up to three essays per YLC (twenty).
- II. If your MOWW Chapter would like to apply, you must be able to guarantee;
 - a. Your Chapter will form the judging committee to have the composition cited in paragraph c above.
 - b. Your Chapter will be able to accomplish the judging of all of the Phoenician essays qualified for the contest at the national level in the two weeks allotted.
- III. WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO HAPPEN:
 - a. All competing Phoenician essays will have been contest-qualified and processed prior to being provided to the judging committee. As applicable, the judging committee chairperson will receive numbered Phoenician Essays. None will have any personal or YLC identifying information.
 - b. The committee will evaluate the essays using the judging criteria sheets provided in MOWW Form 12a, "Phoenician Processing and Judging" accessible at moww.org. After the committee evaluates and ranks the essays, the chairperson emails the results to the Phoenician Contest Officer of Primary Responsibility, the Patriotic Education Committee Chairperson.
 - c. The Contest OPR will match the winning essays to their author and the applicable author essay packets and provide them to the PEC Chairperson who will pass the results and reassembled packets to the MOWW Chief of Staff.

Phoenician Essay Contest Judging Committee, Chapter Application

Please print clearly. After completion to include signature, print and mail or scan and email to the PEC Chair and/or PEC Vice Chair.

Chapter's Name and Address _____

Chairperson's name: _____

Phone number & email: _____

My chapter has reviewed this MOWW form and agree that we will provide a 6-member committee as described above and guarantee we will accomplish the contest judging in the allotted two-week period.

Chapter Commander's signature: _____

Date: _____