

Honorable Mention, 2012 Dear George Washington Contest  
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May 1, 1789

Dear President George Washington,

My name is Sarah Hafley. I am nine years old. I have one sister named Lauren. My sister is a seamstress and I am her helper. My father fought in the war with you. My mom died of an unknown disease and now the burden of the house falls on my sister and me. We saw you speaking on April 30, 1789. I was in front but it was still hard to hear you. My heart pounded for you. I am very afraid that there is still not enough peace and kindness between Virginia and the Indians, French, and England, even though the war is over. I think you should have the Chief of the Indians and the Kings of France and England meet with you to work out a compromise and establish a Nations friendship. If the leaders could organize and work together on a plan for the safety of everyone's future then I am certain there would be no more wars. I am very glad you are our leader. I hope someday I will be as brave as you. If you are ever in need of a seamstress I would be honored to provide my services for you dear President. Everyone chose you to be our leader because you are brave, kind, worthy, and you are a hero. You will be the best President. Thank you for protecting Virginia from being ruled by a King. One day I hope I can meet you and spend time with you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hafley