

Honorable Mention, Dear George Washington Contest 2013
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Dear President Washington,

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I know you don't know me but my name is Jessica Hudson. I am 13 years old. I live in Boston with my mother, father, and my younger sister in a small house. Now that the Revolutionary War is over, I'm worried about my family's future.

Before the war my sister and I were going to school to learn how to become seamstresses. The other day I was walking around my town and I saw that my school's windows were shattered, the doors were hanging from their hinges, and the roof was gone. All the schools were damaged and some were even destroyed. Many houses were ruined, so people don't have the money to pay for the reconstruction of the schools. They need money to rebuild their own homes. I believe it would be best if the government could help us rebuild the schools.

Many families were torn apart and some children even lost their parents in the war. They are now the leaders of their families and they need an education so they can take care of their brothers and sisters. Another reason why you should rebuild the schools first is that if children are educated the country will run better because they will learn how to vote and make better decisions. It's very important for kids to know how the government system works. If they can read, write and do math they can learn anything and even better, they can become our future leaders. When they grow older, they get good jobs and improve the economy. Educated children will become grown ups who can not only help the country get back to normal but to make it an even better country.

Mr. President please consider rebuilding the schools before anything else because boys and girls need a good education to help our country move forward. Education will improve the quality of life for everyone.

In conclusion, I hope you will listen to what I'm saying. I think before anything else schools should be built first.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hudson