

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SAR

Information about our Society is provided on our Web site at www.sar.org/about.htm and in Form 911 "To Help Preserve a Precious Heritage".

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in a State Society is mandatory, so all applications are made through State Societies. Many states require membership in a Chapter.

Regular: A member age 18 or older who pays annual dues. Only regular members may vote and hold office in the SAR and receive the *SAR Magazine* for free. Life membership dues may be prepaid.

Junior: A member under age 18 who pays annual dues. He will be jointly enrolled in the CAR (Children of the American Revolution). His CAR dues are paid from part of his SAR dues.

Memorial: A male who is a deceased close relative of an SAR member and whose application is based on (most of) the same lineage as that SAR member. There are no dues and a portion of the application fee goes to the Society's Permanent Fund.

Youth Registrant: A youth under the age of 18 for whom a fully documented application has been accepted and held in escrow. He is not a member and receives no member benefits but he can become a member (Junior or Regular) at any time before age 29, by activating his escrowed application through a State Society and paying annual dues.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for membership in the SAR you must be a citizen of good repute in the community and the **lineal descendant** of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to the cause of American independence and rendered acceptable service (see list in the next column) **by overt acts** of resistance to the authority of Great Britain. The patriotic service and line of descent must be documented through acceptable references. **Family tradition in regard to the service of an ancestor or the line of descent is not acceptable as documentation.**

The applicant must also be personally acceptable to the Society. SAR members may provide informal assistance to the applicant, but the NSSAR will not give a preliminary decision on a line of descent, service, or the evidentiary value of proposed evidence. If the complete and documented application has been submitted and is found to be inadequate, the applicant may be advised of possible ways to secure better documentation.

ACCEPTABLE SERVICE

Signer of Declaration of Independence.

Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774.

Ft. William and Mary, December 14 / 15, 1774

Military or naval service from April 19, 1775, to November 26, 1783

Civil service under the Colonies from April 19, 1775, to November 26, 1783, inclusive.

Patriotic service by men or women during the Revolutionary period, including —

Member of committees made necessary by the war; such as Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; Committee to care for soldiers' families; including Committees from six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant which furthered the cause of the Colonies.

Any pledge to support the cause of the Colonies, such as signing the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance, Articles of Association, or the Association Test.

Members of all Continental Congress.

Furnishing a substitute for military service.

Signers of Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775; Albemarle, Virginia, Declaration; and similar declarations. Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments. Persons accepting obligations or acting under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc.

Members of Boston Tea Party; Kaskaskia Campaign; Galvez Expedition; Cherokee Expedition; Edenton Tea Party

Physician, surgeon, nurse, or others rendering aid to the wounded, and ministers known to be in sympathy with the Colonies, either by sermon, speech, or action.

Defenders of forts and frontiers; rangers.

Prisoners of war, including those on the British ship, "Old Jersey," and other prison ships.

Rendering material aid, such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration; lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, and gunsmiths; or anything which furthered the Cause.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

See Form 0912 "Documentation of an Application" for suggested sources of documentation and methods of marking it. The only application forms that will be accepted are those printed on special watermarked paper authorized by the National Society. These forms may be purchased from the National Society and completed using a **black** typewriter ribbon or produced by a properly-authorized computer program. **Do not submit a photocopy.** Handwritten applications and application forms printed before 1990 are not accepted.

The applicant must be sponsored by two members. Each signature should be clearly legible and accompanied by each sponsor's National SAR number.

The completed application must be submitted in duplicate to the Chapter or State Society. Both copies of the application must bear the signatures of the applicant and his sponsors. One set of marked-up documentation, checks covering the National, State, and Chapter application fees, and first year dues must accompany the application. On acceptance by the State Registrar and the governing board of the State Society, one of the duplicate applications, the documentation, and a suitable check must be sent to National Headquarters for review, acceptance, and registration by the National Society. The guidelines and requirements for documentation are the same for all applications.

What form should you use? All categories of membership may use the same regular membership application form. If the category of membership you are applying for is not listed on the application form, you may write that category name in the upper left hand corner of the front of the application, next to the word "Membership."

TRANSFERS FROM THE CAR

Male members of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) may become a member by transfer into the SAR. If the transfer occurs before the age of 18, he will become a Junior Member. A transfer card — available from the National Society CAR — will be accepted in lieu of the usual admission fee, provided that the application is submitted not later than his twenty-second birthday. If you are a present or former member of the CAR you need only submit as documentation, a birth certificate and **record copy** of your CAR application and / or the DAR **record copy** which follows the same line. **Short forms are not acceptable**; all generations back to the patriot ancestor must be shown on the CAR or DAR application. Older forms may require updating.

RELATIVES IN THE SAR AND DAR

If you are the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grandnephew of an SAR or DAR member then the application fee is \$30.00 if you are under the age of 25, provided that the relative is a member in good standing or — if deceased — was in good standing at the time of death; **and further provided that you are applying using the same established lineage.**

Applicants whose lineage goes back to the lineage of an SAR member or former member must furnish documentation only back to an ancestor on the accepted application of that relative, provided that documents satisfactory to the Genealogist General are in NSSAR files to establish the line of descent from the ancestor to that relative. However, all generations back to the Revolutionary War ancestor and the references shown on the SAR papers should be typed onto the current application.

Applicants whose lineage goes back to the lineage of a DAR must furnish documentation only back to an ancestor on the accepted application of that relative and must provide a **record copy** of that approved application. If the relative used a short form application, then the current applicant must also submit the **record copy** of the long form application which was cited on the short form. Some older approved applications lack documentation that is acceptable under current standards. In such cases, these papers will be judged on their merit and the applicant may be asked to furnish additional data or documentation.

SAR *may* accept **record copies** of papers from: **Founders and Patriots, The Mayflower Society, and The Society of Colonial Wars.** Applications from these Societies will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if they can be used as proof of lineage for SAR.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

Members having more than one qualifying ancestor are strongly urged to prepare and file supplemental applications.

Supplemental applications must be submitted using the regular application form in exactly the same way as original applications except sponsoring signatures are not required. Forms prior to 1990 will not be accepted.

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Inactive SAR members may apply for reinstatement through a State Society, subject to the acceptance of that Society. The cost is set by the State Society, but the National Society requires only dues for the current year.

PHOTOCOPIES OF APPLICATIONS

Photocopies of SAR membership applications are available from National Headquarters at \$5.00 per application. Be sure to provide the member's full name and, if possible, the SAR National Number.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES

Applications must be accompanied by both the appropriate application fees **and** the annual dues for the year in which the application is approved. National fees and dues are listed below. State and chapter fees and dues vary, and must also be included with the application.

NSSAR application fee..... \$ 60.00

Exceptions:

Additional family members filing at the same time using the same lineage..... \$ 30.00

Applicant under 25 who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew or grand-nephew of an SAR or DAR member \$ 30.00

CAR member under 22 with transfer card. \$ zero

Memorial Membership (\$60.00 App. Fee +) \$ 250.00

ANNUAL DUES

NSSAR Dues \$ 25.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEE

NSSAR Supplemental Fee..... \$ 40.00

Supplementals do not incur any additional annual dues.

All applications must be received at the National Society through a State Society. Applicants must submit their application to the State Society with the correct National, State and Chapter Fees.

National Society

Sons of the American Revolution



*Requirements
for Membership
and for Applications*

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