

# 2025-2026 NATIONAL MERIT AWARD



N.S.C.A.R. recognizes the accomplishments, activities, and hard work of the most outstanding societies. ALL Gold, Blue, Red, and Honorable Mention societies are honored for their achievements. The top three societies are chosen from among the Gold Merit Award societies. All societies entering will receive a **Revolutionary Valor** Certificate of Participation. Awards are based on the responses received on this form. **Affirmative answers will be verified.** Documentation of activities and programs **MUST** accompany this entry and will be considered in judging. Sufficient information **MUST** be provided to allow the chairman to evaluate your entry properly. For example, entries may be accompanied by newsletters, pertinent documents, and/or photo pages pertaining to a specific activity. **No separate photo albums are allowed. No videos or media submissions are allowed. Entries are limited to 50 pages, excluding entry form, newsletters, yearbook, and a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Double-sided sheets count as two pages. Please number ALL pages and reference the page numbers on this form.**

**Societies should return the completed form, with required attachments, for the period from March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026. One PDF, no larger than 50 Mbps. Filename should be "SOCIETYNAME" \_NM\_2026**  
Please use [ilovepdf.com](https://ilovepdf.com) or any other free software to merge files into one PDF and compress to 50 Mbps or less.

**Gold Merit Award:** Achieve at least 280 points  
**Blue Merit Award:** Achieve at least 220 points  
**Red Merit Award:** Achieve at least 160 points  
**Honorable Mention:** Achieve at least 100 points  
**Certificate of Participation** for all submissions

## DEADLINES

**Hardcopy sent by U.S.P.S. Mail**  
Postmarked on or before March 5, 2026  
Chairman and Senior Chairman  
mailing addresses can be found in the  
N.S.C.A.R. national roster at [nscar.org](https://nscar.org)

OR

**One PDF file sent by email**  
Received by 11:59 p.m. on March 9, 2026  
**Chairman:** Sebastian Manero  
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**Senior Chairman:** Catherine Jimenez  
[SrNationalMeritAwardChair@nscar.org](mailto:SrNationalMeritAwardChair@nscar.org)

**Society Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Programs and Projects - Attach details

		<u>Page#(s)</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Each meeting begins with the opening ritual, that includes the pledge and creed. <b>Provide details on separate sheet(s). Tip – Maintain records throughout the year</b> , including dates, Program Committee covered, and the number of participants (members, prospective members, seniors, and others). <b>3 points Max. 18 points</b>		A1 _____	_____
2. Each other event (parade, wreath laying, service project, etc.) where you meet as a society, but ritual isn't performed. <b>Provide details on separate sheet(s). Tip – Maintain records throughout the year</b> , including dates, descriptions of activities, and the number of participants (members, prospective members, seniors, and others). <b>2 points Max. 10 points</b>		A2 _____	_____
3. Have at least one program on the National Project. <b>5 points Max. 5 points</b>		A3 _____	_____
4. Invite a National Board Member or State Officer, other than a member of your society, to attend a meeting. (virtual or in-person) <b>2 points per unique officer Max. 6 points</b>		A4 _____	_____
5. Meeting hosted where societies throughout the country can attend. This is a mentorship opportunity for experienced societies to host via virtual or in-person meetings for newer societies. Advertise these meetings to share valuable programs. Provide the name of the hosting and visiting society, and the program covered (American History, Conservation, etc.). <b>5 points Max. 15 points</b>		A5 _____	_____
<b>Section A Subtotal</b>			_____

### B. Dues

1. Were National Dues and Senior Society President's fee paid and postmarked on or before Jan. 1, 2026? <b>10 points</b>		B1 _____	_____
2. 11 or more <i>families</i> : 90% paid or 10 or fewer <i>families</i> , all but one family paid Life membership counts towards totals below. Number of families _____ Number paid _____ <b>10 points</b>		B2 _____	_____
<b>Section B Subtotal</b>			_____

### C. Membership - List names and national numbers of new members on a separate sheet.

**Member Totals:** Total as of 2/28/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Dropped \_\_\_\_\_ Aged out \_\_\_\_\_ Resigned \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your society have at least 1 new member accepted? <b>5 points</b> <b>Each additional new member: 4 points (no max.)</b>		C1 _____	_____
2. Did your society obtain one new member as a life member, or did two current members become life members with a minimum of 2 years left on their membership until they age out? <b>5 points</b> <b>Each additional new life member: 5 points (no max.)</b>		C2 _____	_____
3. Do life members make up 10% of the society's membership (3 points), 20% (6 points), 30% (9 points) <b>Section C Subtotal</b>		C3 _____	_____

**D. N.S.C.A.R. Magazine – Attach details.**

		<u>Page#(s)</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Each Article submitted to the <i>N.S.C.A.R. Magazine</i>	<b>5 points Max. 15 points</b>	D1_____	_____
2. Have a magazine minute at two meetings, reading an article from the <i>N.S.C.A.R. Magazine</i>	<b>3 points</b>	D2_____	_____
3. At least <b>75%</b> of your society's member families receive the <i>N.S.C.A.R. Magazine</i> . Include subscriptions, National and Life Promoters, and seniors who receive the magazine in the household. Attach a complete copy of your <b>2025</b> Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients. What percent of your society's member families received the <i>C.A.R. Magazine</i> ? _____%	<b>15 points</b>		
<b>BONUS: 3 points for 85% or 10 points for 100%</b>		D3_____	_____
<b>Section D Subtotal</b>			_____

**E. Society Communications – Submit a copy or screenshot of each with this entry.**

If you choose not to do a newsletter, be sure to include the newsletter requirements in society emails or social media posts.

1. Each issue fulfills ALL the C.A.R. Newsletter Requirements	<b>10 points Max. 30 points</b>	E1_____	_____
2. Society communication. Any form of communication that is sent out for upcoming events, meetings, and/or activities.	<b>3 points Max. 30 points</b>	E2_____	_____
<b>Section E Subtotal</b>			_____

**F. Public Relations**

1. Involve the DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. in the National Program.	<b>5 points</b>	F1_____	_____
2. Use nscar.org, local society website, and/or other social media sites to promote C.A.R.?	<b>2 points Max. 10 points</b>	F2_____	_____
3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society.	<b>2 points Max. 20 points</b>	F3_____	_____
4. Did your society participate in the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5, 2025	<b>10 points</b>	F4_____	_____
<b>Section F Subtotal</b>			_____

**G. Contests – Your society or a member of your society submitted to the National Committee contests from the 2025/2026 National Program Packet. Include the Contest Entry Form or at least the Name of the Contest with details.**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Project (required)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Newsletters	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Schools
<input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Patriotic Education
<input type="checkbox"/> American History	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous History	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations
<input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Kids Helping Kids	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans

**Each contest entry 2 points Max. 30 points Section G Subtotal**      G\_\_\_\_\_

**H. Mountain Schools – Send donations directly to the schools. Attach proof.**

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Aid Given \_\_\_\_\_

**5 points Max. 5 points Section H Subtotal**      H\_\_\_\_\_

**I. DONATIONS – All donations must be received at C.A.R. National Headquarters postmarked on or before 2/28/26.**

1. Your society donated to the following funds. **Star Supporter counts toward donations in this section.**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **National Endowment Fund (Required)**    \$\_\_\_\_\_ Niebell Endowment Fund    \$\_\_\_\_\_ Operating Fund (recommended)

**1 point per \$1.00 donated Max. 30 points**      I1\_\_\_\_\_

2. Did your society receive credit for at least \$100 donations for any combination of the following? **Attach list.**

\$_____ National Promoters (\$25)	\$_____ Mountain Schools Pins (\$25)	\$_____ Apple Slice Pins (\$50)
\$_____ Niebell Fund Pins (\$50)	\$_____ Voyager Fund Pins (\$50)	\$_____ Endowment Fund Pin (\$100)
\$_____ Library Fund Pin (\$100)	\$_____ Life Promoter (\$100)	\$_____ Endowment Benefactor Fund Pin (\$500)
\$_____ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100)	\$_____ Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund (any pin)	\$_____ Endowment Legacy Fund Pin (\$1,000)
	\$_____ Operation Fund (any pin)	\$_____ Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000)

**2 points for each \$25 donated Max. 16 points**      I2\_\_\_\_\_

3. Each person affiliated with the society who is a Star Supporter for at least 6 months.

**4 points per person (seniors included) Max. 24 points**      I3\_\_\_\_\_

4. Your society donated to the National Project

**2 points**      I4\_\_\_\_\_

**Section I Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_

Society President's name (printed) and signature \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Society President's name (printed) and signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP + 4® Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address and/or telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

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