

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 Awards societies. All societies entering will receive a **Liberty's Legacy** 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 Chair 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 outside links 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, 2026, to February 28, 2027. One PDF, no larger than 50 Mb. File name should be "SOCIETYNAME"_NM_27

Please use ilovepdf.com or any other free software to merge files into one PDF and compress to 50 Mb or less.

Gold Merit Award: Achieve at least 280 points	Red Merit Award: Achieve at least 180 points
Blue Merit Award: Achieve at least 230 points	Honorable Mention: Achieve at least 130 points
Certificate of Participation for all submissions	

Hardcopy sent by U.S.P.S. Mail

Postmarked on or before March 3, 2027

Chair and Senior Chair
mailing addresses can be found in
N.S.C.A.R. national roster at nscar.org

OR

One PDF file sent by email

Received by 11:59 p.m. on March 8, 2027

Chair: Sam Schenck
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Senior Chair: Gwen Parks
SrNationalMeritAwardChair@nscar.org

Society Name: _____

State: _____

A. Programs and Projects-Attach details

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| 1. Each meeting begins with the opening ritual, that includes pledge and creed. Program Committee covered, and the number of participants (members, prospective members and others). | 4 points Max. 24 points | A1 _____ | _____ |
| 2. Each other event (parade, wreath laying service project, etc.) where you meet as a society, but ritual isn't performed. Provide dates, descriptions of activities and number of participants (members, prospective members, seniors and others.) | 2 points Max. 10 points | A2 _____ | _____ |
| 3. Have at least one program/presentation or activity on the National Project. | 5 points Max. 5 points | A3 _____ | _____ |
| 4. Invite a National Board Member or State Officer, other than a member of your own society to attend a meeting (virtual or in-person). | 2 points per unique officer Max. 6 points | A4 _____ | _____ |
| 5. Meeting hosted where societies throughout the country can attend in person or virtually. Provide the name of the hosting and visiting societies and program covered. | | | |
| | Hosting: 5 points per meeting Max. of 3 meetings, Max. 15 points | A5 _____ | _____ |
| | Visiting Society: 2 points per meeting, Max. 3 meetings, Max. 6 points | A6 _____ | _____ |

Section A Subtotal _____

B. Dues

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| 1. Were National Dues and Senior Society Presidents fee paid and postmarked on or before January 1, 2027? | 10 points | B1 _____ | _____ |
| 2. 11 or more families: 90% paid or 10 or fewer families, all but one family paid. Life Membership counts toward totals. No. of families _____ Number Paid _____ | 10 points | B2 _____ | _____ |

Section B Subtotal _____

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

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| Member Totals: Total as of 2/28/2027 _____ New _____ Dropped _____ Aged Out _____ Resigned _____ | 5 points | | |
| 1. Did your society have at least 1 new member accepted? | Each additional new member: 4 points (no Max.) | 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 aging out? | 5 points | | |
| | Each additional new life member: 5 points (no Max.) | C2 _____ | _____ |
| 3. Does your society have dual members in DAR, SAR or S.R.? If YES, how many? _____ | 1 point per dual member, Max. 10 points | C3 _____ | _____ |
| 4. Do life members make up 10% of the society membership (3 points), 20% (6 points), 30% (9 points) | | C4 _____ | _____ |

Section C Subtotal _____

D. The C.A.R. Magazine**Page # (s)****Points**

1. Each Article/Activity/Game submitted to the *N.S.C.A.R. Magazine*. **5 points, Max. 15 points**
2. Have a magazine minute at two meetings, read an article from the *N.S.C.A.R. Magazine* **3 points**
3. At least 75% of your society's member families receive the *N.S.C.A.R. Magazine*. Include subscriptions, National & Life Promoters, and seniors who receive the magazine in the household. Attach a complete copy of your **2027** Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients. What percent of your society's member families receive the *N.S.C.A.R. Magazine*? _____%

15 points for 75% + a BONUS: 3 points for 85% or 10 points for 100%**D3** _____**Section D Subtotal** _____**E. Communications:**

1. Involve DAR, SAR and/or S.R. in the National Program.
2. Use nscar.org, local society website, and/or other social media sites to promote C.A.R.?
3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society.
4. Each society newsletter fulfills ALL Newsletter Requirements?
5. Society communication. Any form of communication that is sent out for upcoming events, meetings and/or activities.

5 points**E1** _____**2 points Max. 10 points****E2** _____**2 points Max. 10 points****E3** _____**10 points Max. 30 points****E4** _____**2 points Max. 12 points****E5** _____**Section E Subtotal** _____

- F. Contests-**Your society or a member of your society submitted to the National Committee contests from the 2026-2027 National Program Packet. Program in a Box as well as original programs created by the society count in this category. **Include the Contest entry form or at least the Name of the Contest with details.** Check the appropriate box for Program in a Box (PB) or Original Program (OP).

PB OP**PB OP****PB OP****National Project (required)**

Communications

Indigenous History

America 250!

Community Impact

Leadership Development

American Heroes

Conservation

Membership

American History

Government Studies

SAR/S.R. Relations

American Traditions

DAR Relations

1 point for PB and 3 points for OP Max. of 42 points**F1** _____**Section F Subtotal** _____**G. Community Impact****5 points each for 1-3, Max. 15 points**

1. **C.A.R. Supported Schools**-Send donations directly to the schools. (Attach proofs for 1-3)

Name of School: _____

Aid Given: _____

G1 _____

2. Did your society participate in the **C.A.R. Day of Service** on or around April 5, 2026?

G2 _____

3. Did your society have at least one community service project or activity?

G3 _____**Section G Subtotal** _____

- H. DONATIONS:** All donations must be received at C.A.R. National Headquarters postmarked on or before 2/28/2027.

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)**One point per \$1.00 donated, Max. 30 points****H1** _____

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

\$ _____ National Promoters \$ _____ 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 \$ _____ Endowment Benefactor Fund (\$500)

\$ _____ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100) \$ _____ Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund Pin (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**H2** _____

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**H3** _____

4. Your society donated to the National Project.

2 points for \$25, Max. 8 points**H4** _____**Section H Subtotal** _____**Grand Total Points** _____

Society President's name (printed) and signature

Senior Society President's name (printed) and signature

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