

1. If I don't have the money to pay everything up front, how long can I extend payments?

Generally, there are four options for paying as follows:

- \$1,000 up front
- \$250 per year for four years
- \$200 per year for five years
- \$100 per month for 10 months

If none of these payment options fit your situation, please reach out to jhmaples@gmail.com to request other options.

2. What is my money used for?

Local Chapters, State Societies, and National Committees frequently find themselves wanting to support a Patriotic, Historical, or Educational initiative. However, these organizations may not have sufficient funding to support those initiatives. That is when the George Washington Endowment Fund can be approached to help fund these initiatives.

3. Can GWEF Funding be used for 100% of a program?

No. The George Washington Endowment Fund does not cover 100% of the cost of any initiative. The largest percentage acceptable is normally 50%. The GWEF expects the requesting entity to assist in the funding of each effort.

4. What is the total value of the GWEF Endowment Fund?

\$3.1 Million as of September 18, 2025.

5. How many GWEF Fellows have there been in the 32 years since the fund's establishment in 1993?

Just under 1,800 GWEF Fellows.

6. Do you have to be a member of SAR in order to become a GWEF Fellow?

No. There are many Fellows that are not members of the SAR (spouses, children, grand-children, etc.)

7. How do you apply for GWEF Funding?

GWEF Funding application must come from a State Society or a National Committee. Upon approval at the State or National Committee level, the State

Society or National Committee would then submit the request to the National GWEF Funding committee for review and approval.

8. Who manages the George Washington Endowment Fund?

The George Washington Endowment Fund is managed by the George Washington Endowment Fund Board. SAR contracts with a financial institution to handle the investments and money distributions on a yearly basis.

9. What is the Fundraising year for the George Washington Endowment Fund?

April 1st – March 31st

10. What yearly awards are available for State Society and Chapters?

Franklin J. Appl award is given to the Chapter with the largest number of recruits of new GWEF Fellows in a single GWEF year (defined in #8).

Buck Meek award is given to the State Society with the largest number of recruits of new GWEF Fellows in a single GWEF year (defined in #8).

Howard Horn Award is given to the State Society with the largest percentage increase of new GWEF Fellows in a single GWEF year (defined in #8).

11. Can someone become a GWEF Fellow posthumously?

Yes. A deceased individual can become a GWEF Fellow through a memorial membership.

12. What happens to a GWEF Fellows membership upon his death?

A GWEF Fellow is recognized in perpetuity. The very basis of this program is that becoming a GWEF Fellow is a process of leaving a legacy that will never go away.

13. Can you inquire to determine if someone is already a GWEF Fellow?

Yes. SAR maintains a list of all GW Fellows since 1993 which is accessible upon request by email to jhmaples@gmail.com.

14. What if I want to become a GWEF Fellow, but not include my name on the published GWEF Fellows list? Can I have it removed?

Yes. SAR is happy to maintain your relationship with the George Washington Endowment Fund anonymously.

15. Once the GWEF Board has been notified of your contribution, what are the options for receiving you certificate and pin for recognition?

- Your certificate and pin can be mailed directly to you.
- Your certificate and pin can be mailed to someone in your State Society or Chapter for presentation.
- Your certificate and pin can be presented at the Donor Lunch at Leadership or the GWEF Luncheon at the yearly Congress.

16. Can I donate to the GWEF for another individual, thereby making them a Fellow?

Yes. This is a common transaction within the George Washington Endowment Fund.

17. After my contribution of \$1,000, can I make an additional contribution to the GWEF?

Of course you are welcome to do that. However, the George Washington Endowment Fund never asks a Fellow for additional contributions.