

# 2023

The National Society  
Sons of the  
American Revolution



## [MEMBERSHIP COST REFERENCE MANUAL]

A brief description of each classification of membership in the SAR and the Example cost involved.

The prospective SAR member, or his New Member Helper in some cases, or assigned Mentor, should submit the completed SAR application form to the sponsoring local chapter for approval, which will then be forwarded to the state society and in time to the national SAR Headquarters in Louisville for final approval. Please do not send the application and payments directly to the National Society. These must come to the national SAR Headquarters from a state society.

State and chapter fees and dues vary and would be in addition to the National Society Fees and Dues shown below. State society fees are sometimes not assessed to new applicants under age 25. Chapter fees and dues vary from chapter to chapter. Please check with your prospective state society and chapter regarding application fees and dues.

Suggested changes to this document should be sent to the Registrar General or National Staff Registrar. Check with your Chapter for State and Chapter Fees and Dues.

## **Standard Membership - New Member Regular Application**

A member who is 18 years in age or older who pays annual dues. Only Regular Members may vote, hold an SAR office, and receive the *SAR Magazine* for free.

### For Age 18 and Older:

This is an applicant who is filing his first application.

Each new member's annual dues are for the calendar year in which the national SAR registers his application. The members' annual dues are submitted together, as one total, with the application fee. National dues for applications registered during the period of September 1 to December 31 are applied to the following year.

National Society Fees and Dues: \$100 (application fee) + \$50 (dues) = \$150

### For Age 18 to under 25 (Established Lineage):

This is an applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew or grand-nephew of an SAR or DAR member; i.e., where an established lineage exists.

Such an application may be a "stand alone" submission or part of a "Family Plan" submission.

Each new member's annual dues are for the calendar year in which the national SAR registers his application. The members' annual dues are submitted together, as one total, with the application fee. National dues for applications registered during the period of September 1 to December 31 are applied to the following year.

National Society Fees and Dues: \$40 (application fee) + \$50 (dues) = \$90

## Family Membership (New Member “Family Plan”)

These are applicants filed with an initial SAR applicant using the same ancestor.

Family membership in conjunction with a new Regular Member application is for additional family members within two generations of the initial, or originating, applicant and who has (or have all) applied using the same ancestor. Family members include son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew. An expansion of the family plan applicants also allows other applicants (brothers with sons and grandsons) as long as their lineage follows the same line as the first applicant.

All family member applications must be submitted at the same time as the originating new member applicant, and all must appear on the same transmittal form. Family Plans must be submitted through the same state society.

The annual national SAR membership dues are not affected by this family discount and are still required for the calendar year in which the national SAR registers the applications, except as noted above for those registered during the period September 1 to December 31.

Initial Application Fees and Dues: \$100 (application fee) + \$50 (dues) = \$150

Additional Family Application (≥ 18 years): \$40 (application fee) + \$50 (dues) = \$90

Additional Family Application (< 18 years): \$40 (application fee) + \$5 (dues) = \$45

## Junior Membership

A Junior Member is defined as a male, newborn to under age eighteen (18), who files the appropriate lineage and is required to pay annual membership dues. There are three paths for a Junior Member to apply; please review each when determining the associated costs.

- If the individual applies as a Junior Member and the ancestor under whom he applies has not been already documented or approved through the SAR, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), then the National costs and the example State and Chapter costs involved are:

National Society Fees and Dues: \$100 (application fee) + \$5 (dues) = \$105

- When using a lineage within two generations of the initial applicant that has already been accepted by the SAR or DAR, a record copy of the referenced SAR or DAR application must be provided with the documentation. The following are the National costs and the Example State and Chapter costs involved:

National Society Fees and Dues: \$40 (application fee) + \$5 (dues) = \$45

- C.A.R. Membership Conversion. A current active member of the C.A.R. may become a Junior Member of the SAR by completing his SAR application, supplying his birth certificate, a copy of his C.A.R. Member of Good Standing card and a copy of his C.A.R.

application. The following are the National costs and the example State and Chapter costs involved:

National Society Fees and Dues: \$0 (application fee) + \$5 (dues) = \$5

Each Junior Member's annual dues are for the calendar year in which the national SAR registers his application. The members' annual dues are submitted together, as one total, with the application fee. National dues for applications registered during the period of September 1 to December 31 are applied to the following year.

## Youth Registrants

The Youth Registrant program existed from 2001 until it was terminated in 2011. Under the program a person under age 18 could file an application which, if approved, would allow that person to convert upon request to standard membership without any further documentation. When the program was terminated, all existing Youth Registrants could either convert to Junior Membership or, after they reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and before age 29, could still apply for Regular Membership as provided.

No additional SAR application is required.

- If the individual converts to a Junior Member as newborn to under age 18, then the National costs and the example State and Chapter costs involved are:

National Society Fees and Dues: \$0 (application fee) + \$5 (dues) = \$5

- If the individual converts to a Regular Member as 18 to under age 29, then the National costs and the example State and Chapter costs involved are:

National Society Fees and Dues: \$0 (application fee) + \$50 (dues) = \$50

## C.A.R. Membership Transfer

For current or former members of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.).

It is possible to transfer one's membership from the C.A.R. to the SAR when the individual is between the ages of eighteen (18) and under twenty-two (22) years.

His birth certificate, his C.A.R. application and a valid Certificate of Good Standing from the C.A.R. is required with the SAR application and documentation. The fees and dues involved are as follows:

National Society Fees and Dues: \$0 (application fee) + \$50 (dues) = \$50

The member's annual dues are for the calendar year in which the national SAR registers his application. The members' annual dues are submitted together with the application fee.

## Memorial Membership

The Memorial SAR Membership qualifies a male who is a deceased close relative within two genealogical connections to an active SAR member and whose application is based on most of the same lineage as that SAR member. This two genealogical connections stipulation is not a straight line generational requirement; for example, an uncle/nephew relationship for a memorial will be acceptable. An uncle would require three documents: (1) the applicant's birth certificate would prove him to his parents; (2) the birth certificate of the parent (whose line is being used) would name his/her parents; and the (3) the uncle's birth certificate connecting him to his parents, proving he is the brother of one of the deceased applicant's parents. (If the nephew is to be submitted, it is recommended the uncle be submitted first separately.) The supporting Bylaw reads "The deceased family members eligible for memorial membership shall not be prior to the second generation prior to the generation of the current member."

A death certificate and proofs of connection to the SAR member are required. It is suggested that the SAR member with the connection sign as the first line sponsor and also for the memorial member. The filing of Memorial applications is only available to active SAR members. The cost of a Memorial SAR membership is \$100 application fee + \$50 one-time annual dues fee. No further annual dues will be owed. There is no Family Plan rate available.

Any State Society or Chapter Fees and Dues are the province of the State or Chapter.

## Life Membership

Life Membership in the National Society is available to be purchased at a rate that depends on your age. The National Life Membership program described here covers the National dues only. Payment of the State Society's and Chapter annual dues is still required to be considered an active member of the SAR. Some states may offer their own life membership plan to cover state and/or chapter dues. Please contact your chapter and/or state society if this is an option. The completed National Life Membership form must be sent to your State Society Secretary for review before it is sent to National and can be found on the SAR website.

## Emeritus Membership

Any member who has paid National Society dues as a Regular Member, and not including any dues for Junior Membership, for fifty years, contiguous or not, shall be designated an Emeritus Member of the Society. A Compatriot receiving Emeritus Member status is exempt from further payment of National Society dues.

## Supplemental Lineage Application

SAR members of any age having more than one qualifying ancestor may file supplemental applications. One of the SAR's objectives is to acquire and preserve the records of the individual service of patriots of the American Revolutionary War and therefore all SAR members having more than one qualifying ancestor are strongly urged to prepare and file supplemental applications. Supplemental applications must be submitted in duplicate, in the same manner as



the original membership applications. There are no dues in conjunction with this type of application.

National Society Fees and Dues: \$100 (application fee) + \$0 (dues) = \$100

## **Supplemental Application “Family Plan”**

These are additional family member Supplemental applications filed with the initial Supplemental application where all share the same Patriot Ancestor.

Family members include son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew. An expansion of the family plan applicants also allows other applicants (brothers with sons and grandsons), again, all having the same common ancestor and the lineage following the same line as the first Supplemental application.

All family member Supplemental applications must be submitted at the same time as the initial, or originating, Supplement application and all must appear on the same transmittal form. There are no dues in conjunction with this type of application.

Initial Application Fees and Dues: \$100 (application fee) + \$0 (dues) = \$100

Additional Family Application (all ages): \$40 (application fee) + \$0 (dues) = \$40

## **SAR Membership Reinstatement**

There are several reasons which may warrant an individual to apply for SAR membership reinstatement:

- The individual stopped paying membership dues several years ago and consequently was switched to an inactive membership status for failure to pay annual dues.
- The individual told his SAR local chapter, state society, or national organization that he wished to resign his membership from the SAR.
- The individual has moved to another state and let his membership lapse into an inactive status for failure to pay annual dues.

The first step in reinstating to active membership is to contact the local state secretary to ascertain the correct fees and procedures through the local society. Points of contact for each state society and local SAR inquiries can be found online.

If the individual's inactive membership is due to his moving, the following reinstatement process applies. If the individual has moved or wishes to transfer his membership into a state society other than the one in which his SAR membership was dropped, the individual will need to complete and submit a “Bylaw 19, Reinstatement and Transfer” form (#0918) for consideration. The completed reinstatement and transfer form should be mailed to the secretary of the state society where the individual wishes to reinstate his membership.

National dues for Reinstatements and Reinstatement-Transfers recorded by National during the period of September 1 to December 31 are applied to the following year. (This is the same as new Regular Member applications registered during the period of September 1 to December 31.)

Each level of the organization may have its own processing fee component. The actual SAR society and chapter fees and dues may vary.

National Society Fees and Dues (Regular Member): \$0 (fees) + \$50 (dues) = \$50

National Society Fees and Dues (Junior Member): \$0 (fees) + \$5 (dues) = \$5

## Membership Transfer

Please note that if an SAR member wishes to retain his original membership in a particular state society or must retain a particular society membership due to having a Life Membership that pays the national dues, then that individual should not file a transfer form. Any Life Membership funds do not necessarily transfer from the demitting state society in which they were initially paid. Therefore transferring could lose any previously contributed Life Membership funds as a result of a membership transfer between state societies. Instead, his option would be to file a Dual Membership Application with the second state society (if accepted by said state society).

1. Be sure the member's dues are paid for the current calendar year and he is listed as an "active" member.
2. Make sure the state secretaries of both societies involved are aware of the member's wish to transfer membership.
3. Complete the "Transfer of Membership" form (#0919) and save a copy of the completed form for the member's files.
4. The member should collect the following items to be included in an envelope addressed to the "old" demitting state society:
  - The completed Form #0919;
  - The "new" admitting state society may require a personal check made out to "NSSAR Treasurer General" for \$10.00 as payment for a record copy of the member's application;
  - One stamped business-sized envelope with the "new" admitting state secretary's address;
  - One stamped business-sized envelope addressed to the "NSSAR Staff Registrar" at 809 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2619.
5. Mail the envelope to the "old" demitting state secretary, allowing him to check and complete the second section of the form and send it on to the "new" admitting state secretary. The "new" admitting state secretary will in turn will complete third section of the form and send it on to the national SAR Headquarters for final processing.

Please note that if a record copy of the transferring member's application is not required and scanning capabilities are available, the form can be signed, digitally scanned, and emailed to the each of the parties involved.

When the "new" admitting state society accepts the member's documents, the "old" demitting state secretary should be informed so that he can make the appropriate adjustments to that society's membership list. Please inform the "new" admitting state secretary that the transfer has been completed so that he can add the newly transferred SAR member to that society's membership list.

The "Transfer of Membership" form (#0919) includes a statement from the "old" demitting state secretary that the member is in good standing and has paid his national and state society dues for the present year to the "old" demitting society.

After the transfer has been recorded, the member will be billed for his chapter, state society, and national dues in the "new" admitting society for the next membership year. This usually occurs in the autumn or end of the calendar year.

## **Dual Memberships**

Dual members of two or more state societies have all the rights of a standard member of the state society and can hold offices in either or both of the state societies at the same time. A dual member cannot be designated as a voting representative of both state societies at the same regional or national meeting. Dual members may join an SAR chapter in the dual state if wished or if required by that particular state society.

National dues are collected through the member's primary state and not through his dual state. Dual members will pay for only state dues (and perhaps chapter dues) in the dual state.

The "Dual Membership" form (#0920) may be printed on standard 8 1/2" by 11" business stock paper. This form does not have to be special watermarked archival paper.

The SAR member desiring dual membership should contact the state secretary of the society in which he wishes to become a dual member. The secretary can inform the member of the correct dues amount and procedures or notify the Dual Membership Application point of contact for that state society.



## National Fees and Annual Dues Chart

The following chart summarizes national fees and dues. All Fees and Annual Dues are Current as of 14 July 2021.

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Annual Dues	Total
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to Under 25 - Established Lineage	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - Additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed WITH initial application using same ancestor	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - Established Lineage	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$45.00
Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - New Lineage	\$100.00	\$5.00	\$105.00
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to Under 29	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Supplemental Application - all ages	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected)	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
NSSAR Life Membership Dues - Consult NSSAR Life Membership Application located on NSSAR website.			