

DAR Genealogical Education Program

Overview of the Genealogical Education Program

The DAR Genealogical Education Program is a series of courses designed to provide you with the research skills, organizational techniques, and procedural knowledge necessary to successfully complete an application for membership in NSDAR. While this program is designed specifically for Chapter Registrars and other DAR members who assist prospective applicants with their original DAR applications, it is open to all who have an interest in the DAR application process or in genealogical research as it relates to DAR membership. Individuals who may gain from completing this program include Lineage Research Committee Volunteers, Volunteer Genealogist Committee Volunteers, Membership Committee Volunteers, other Chapter Officers who participate in the preparation of new member applications, and members who plan to prepare and submit their own supplemental applications.

The first Course—*Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications*—is designed to provide you with an introduction to the genealogical research concepts and terminology that are used by the Staff of the Office of the Registrar General with an emphasis on locating genealogical documentation; identifying specific pieces of genealogical evidence; and evaluating evidence with the context of the criteria required for DAR applications and supplemental applications. The lessons for this course include: Evaluating Evidence, Vital Records, Census Records, State and Local Records, Federal Records, Family and Parochial Records, and DAR Records.

The second Course—*Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications*—is designed to provide you with the skills needed to analyze the lineage documentation that you have collected, identify acceptable types and sources of Revolutionary War service, and prepare the application and the documentation according to current DAR Procedures for the submission of applications and supplemental applications. The lessons for this course include: The Application Process, Acceptable Lineage, Acceptable Service, Components of the GRS, Preparing for the Application Process, Completing the Application Form, Final Details for a Finished Product, eMembership, and Communicating With the Genealogy Department.

Each course consists of a series of lessons and quizzes; forums where you can post questions and participate in discussions with other individuals who are working through the course; and reference and procedural documents that will aid you in applying these concepts as you prepare DAR applications and supplemental applications. Each lesson must be reviewed and each quiz or assignment must be completed with a passing grade before you will be able to move on to the next lesson. In the event that you are unable to pass a quiz after three attempts, please contact us for further instructions at onlineclasses@dar.org. In the event that you are unable to complete a course, no refund will be given.

The first course— *Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications* —is a prerequisite to the second course— *Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications*. The fee for each course is \$125.00. Please note that this fee is non-refundable. Each course is self-paced. Once you have enrolled in the course, you will have 90 days to successfully complete all of the lessons and quizzes in that course. Should you be unable to successfully complete each component of the course within the 90 day time frame, you will not receive credit for the course.

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Honesty Policy

As a participant of these courses, you are expected to complete each lesson and quiz on your own and without the assistance of others. The registration fee is for one individual. Sharing a user account or course registration is expressly prohibited. Violators of this policy will not receive credit for either course nor will any refunds be given.