

Well-documented histories and genealogies (title page and pertinent pages must be included)

Photographs of tombstones - information on tombstones should be clear. The names and location of the cemetery should also be included.

- Send photocopies of documentation, **not** originals.
- All documentation must have the applicant's name, address, and chapter name on the back of each piece of documentation.
- Unacceptable Documentation
  - Publications by F. A. Virkus
  - Publications by John S. Wurts
  - Americans of Royal Descent by Charles Browning
  - Ancestor roster or lineage paper of other lineage societies
  - Undocumented family genealogies

Original Examination Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Supplemental Examination Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
NSCAC-Transfer Examination Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
National Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Fees Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## *HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER*

### *Eligibility Requirements*

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### *Instructions*

*for the*

### *Preparation of NSDAC Lineage Papers For Membership In the*

### *National Society Daughters of the American Colonists*

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- If the lineage paper is found to be unacceptable, the applicant may submit a substitute lineage paper at no additional cost within 180 days.
- Supplemental lineages are submitted using the same forms as original lineage papers. Only submit one lineage on a given set of papers. Supplemental lineages must meet the same standards of acceptability as original application papers. The examination fee for supplemental lineages is found in Article V, Section 1 of the National Bylaws.
- Members admitted by the National Society after October 1 do not pay additional national dues until December 1 of the following year. Chapters and State Societies may establish dues and fees for their members.
- All references to the "National Bylaws" refer to the Bylaws published in the current edition of the National Yearbook.

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The object of this Society shall be Patriotic, Historical and Educational; to make research as to the history and deeds of the American colonist and to record and publish the same; to commemorate deeds of colonial interest; to inculcate and foster love of America and its institutions by all its residents; to obey its laws and venerate its flag - the emblem of its power and civic righteousness.

## Article II, NSDAC Bylaws

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership is by written invitation after an affirmative vote of the chapter or state society without chapters. Applicants must be endorsed by two members of the chapter or state society without chapters, both of whom are in good standing. The applicant must present her typed or computer-generated lineage papers to the inviting Chapter or State Registrar for examination. Lineage papers approved by the Registrar, signed by the Regent and Registrar, are forwarded by the Chapter or State Society to the home address of the National Registrar for verification. A chapter or state check to cover the examination fee listed in Article V, Section 1 and the annual national dues listed in Article V, Section 2 of the National Bylaws must accompany the lineage papers.

Lineage of transfers from the National Society Children of the American Colonists must be provided in the same manner as those of applicants for membership. The examination fee for NSCAC transfers is listed in Article V, Section 1 of the National Bylaws.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Article III, Paragraph (a), NSDAC Bylaws:

Any woman who is a citizen of the United States of America, is of good moral character, who has attained her eighteenth year, shall be eligible to membership, provided that she shall be acceptable to the Society and shall be the lineal descendant of an ancestor who rendered civil or military service in any of the colonies prior to July 4, 1776. Legal adoption shall not qualify for lineal descent.

Documentation of lineal descent and lawful (not polygamous) marriages shall be furnished as eligibility from any ancestor who served in the thirteen original colonies in any of the following capacities prior to July 4, 1776:

1. In battle under colonial authority
2. Under the banner of Great Britain in North America in any of the wars in which the colonies

- participated
3. All military and naval service of the colonies
4. Furnished troops or funds (Documentation of tax assessments alone do not meet this criteria.)
5. Filled office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Deputy Governor
6. Member or Delegate to Council or Assembly
7. Member of House of Burgess
8. Deputy or Representative to the General Court
9. Commissioner of the United Colonies, of Boundaries or Treaties, of Import or Excise, to the French or Indians
10. Secretary, Magistrate, Selectman, Justice, Judge of any Court of Law or Equity, Attorney, Advocate, Solicitor, Juryman, Sheriff, Constable
11. Founder or Trustee of any College in North America founded prior to 1775
12. Minister of the Gospel or Commissary of the Bishops of London
13. Member of the Committee of Safety of the Continental Congress, 1774 and 1775
14. Member of the Council of Safety of 1689
15. Signer of the Mayflower Compact
16. Speaker of the House of Deputies
17. Physician or surgeon
18. Member of the Provincial Congress
19. Signer of the Declaration of Independence (Documentation must establish that the signer was elected to represent the colonists prior to July 4, 1776.)
20. Huguenot Refugee
21. Signer of the Oath of Allegiance to Great Britain (The Oath of Allegiance was taken by the Freemen in New England, the Dutch in New Amsterdam, the Swedes in Delaware, and other early settlers. (Documentation must be submitted that the oath was taken prior to July 4, 1776.)
22. Original Land Owner, not inheritor (Documentation must establish that the ancestor received the land through a grant or patent, or from the Indians; that he was actually the first colonial owner of the specified tract of land; and that he did not buy it or inherit it.)
23. Member of the London, Plymouth or Virginia Companies who actually came to the colonies, or the first immigrant descendant of any member of these companies who resided in the colonies

24. Palatine Settler
25. Descendant of Covenanter from Scotland
26. Saltzburger of Georgia

### PREPARING LINEAGE PAPERS

NSDAC requires two copies of the lineage papers typed or computer-generated, for National and Chapter use. It is strongly recommended, although not required, that the applicant send a third copy, and provide a large self-addressed stamped envelope with *sufficient postage* to ensure the return of the copy of the lineage paper and the documentation. If insufficient postage is sent, then the documents will be returned. The two required lineage papers must each bear *original* signatures and must be completed within *one year* of receipt by the applicant.

Each lineage paper is verified on its own merit. Additional information **MAY** be required on a previously established ancestor. If an established lineage is used, the member's name and national number **MUST** be included for reference.

Documentation of lineage verifying each succeeding generation must be included for all generations, including the ancestor whose service is claimed for eligibility. Please underline in red pertinent information and cite the generational number for reference. Dates of ancestors' services must be stated on lineage papers and must be prior to July 4, 1776.

Please note the following:

- Documentation that the applicant is a child of parents is required
- Documentation that the service is within the parameters of the NSDAC Bylaws is required.
- Acceptable Documentation may include:
  - Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates
  - Bible records
  - Census records
  - Wills, deeds, court, tax, and land records
  - Newspaper articles