



2023 – 2024 NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

N.S.C.A.R. recognizes the accomplishments, and activities, 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 Gold Merit Award societies. **All societies entering will receive a *Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders Certificate of Participation*.** Awards are based upon the responses received on this form. **Affirmative answers will be verified.** Documentation/proof of activities and programs **MUST** accompany this entry. Sufficient information **MUST** be provided in order to allow the

chairman to properly evaluate your entry. 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 media submissions are allowed. Entries are limited to 50 pages (excluding newsletters, yearbooks, and Treasurer's Report). Double-sided sheets count as two pages. Number ALL pages and Reference the Page Numbers on this form.** Entries should be in a notebook or portfolio with: **1. This form, 2. An index, 3. Proofs in order.** [Refer to National Merit Award Guidelines and Template on the National Website]. Entries cover the period from March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024.

Gold Merit Award All sections must be answered "Yes."
Blue Merit Award All but one section must be answered "Yes."
Red Merit Award All but two sections must be answered "Yes."
Honorable Mention Sections A and F must be answered "Yes."
Certificate of Participation All other entries will receive a certificate.

DEADLINE: This report with all attachments must be postmarked on or before **March 7, 2024.**
Send via a Regular Mail service. EMAIL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGED.
 JoAnn Welker, Senior National Chairman, National Merit Award
 (See National Roster for Mailing Address)
Do NOT send via certified mail; confirmation of receipt will be emailed to the Senior Society President.
Entries will NOT be returned.

Society Name _____ State _____

A. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS – ALL questions must be answered "Yes." Page Numbers **Must** Match Documentation/Proofs.

| Yes or No (Write yes or no, on each blank, to the left of the question). | Did your society: | Page Number/s of Proofs |
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| _____ 1. Attach a list of all C.A.R. events held by your society? Include: dates, events, description of activities, and number of participants. | | A1 _____ |
| _____ 2. Hold at least six local society business meetings (virtual or in person) following the C.A.R. ritual? | | A2 _____ |
| _____ 3. Have at least one program on the National Program, <i>Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders?</i> | | A3 _____ |
| _____ 4. Invite a National or State officer, (other than a member of your society), to attend a meeting? | | A4 _____ |

B. MEMBERSHIP – ALL questions must be answered "Yes." **Attach 2024 Treasurer's report.**

_____ 1. Were National Dues and Senior Society President's fee paid and postmarked on or before **1/1/2024**? B1 _____
 11 or more *families* 90% paid _____ 10 or less *families* all but one family paid _____
 Number of families _____ Number paid _____

_____ 2. Did your society have at least **two new** members accepted OR have a **net gain**? B2 _____
List names and national numbers of new members on a separate sheet. Transfers in or out, aged out, and pending members do not count for or against a net gain.

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| <u>Member Totals:</u> as of 3/1/2023 _____ | New _____ | Transfers in _____ | Dropped _____ |
| Aged out _____ as of 2/28/2024 | Resigned _____ | Transfers out _____ | Pending _____ |

C. C.A.R. MAGAZINE – ALL questions must be answered "Yes." **Attach order form or refer to Treasurer's Report.**

_____ 1. Did your society submit two articles to the *C.A.R. Magazine*? C1 _____
 _____ 2. Did your society have a magazine minute at two meetings, reading an article from C.A.R. Magazine? C2 _____
 _____ 3. Did at least **75%** of your society's member families receive the *C.A.R. Magazine*? C3 _____
 (Include subscriptions, National and Life Promoters, and seniors who receive the magazine in the families).
 What percent of your society's member families received the *C.A.R. Magazine*? % _____
Attach a list of magazine recipients that do not appear on your treasurer's report or Magazine order form.

D. LIFE MEMBERSHIP – ONE question must be answered "Yes." **Attach list.**

_____ 1. 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 until aging out, OR** did Life Members make up at least **10%** of your membership? D1 _____

E. SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS – Submit a copy of each newsletter with this entry. (4 total)

_____ 1. Did your society fulfill **ALL** of the C.A.R. **Newsletter Requirements for National Merit Award?** E1_____

F. PUBLIC RELATIONS – **ALL** questions must be answered “Yes.” **Attach details.**

Did your society:

- _____ 1. Involve the DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. in the National Program, **Cultivating Tomorrow’s Leaders** ? F1_____
- _____ 2. Use nscar.org, local society website, and/or other Social Media sites to promote C.A.R.? F2_____
- _____ 3. Utilize various methods to create public awareness of your society? F3_____
- _____ 4. Did your society participate in the C.A.R. Day of Service on April 5, 2023 or another designated date? F4_____

G. CONTESTS –

_____ 1. Did your society participate in at least **six** of the National Committee contests following directions in the **Cultivating Tomorrow’s Leaders National Program Packet?** **Include entry cover sheets. Do NOT include** contest proofs with your Merit Award entry.

Below: Put Documentation/Proof Page Number/s, on the blank, next to the Specific Contest Entered

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| _____ National Project (Required) | _____ C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters | _____ Mountain Schools |
| _____ American Heritage | _____ Conservation | _____ Patriotic Education |
| _____ American History | _____ Government Studies | _____ Public Relations |
| _____ American Indian | _____ Kids Helping Kids | _____ Veterans |
| _____ C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations | _____ Membership | |

H. MOUNTAIN AND AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOOLS – Send donations directly to the schools. **Attach proof.**

_____ 1. Did your society donate to **at least** one Mountain or American Indian school? H1_____

Name of school _____
Clothing (lbs.), gifts, and other aid _____ Money _____

I. DONATIONS – All donations must be received at C.A.R. National Headquarters postmarked on or before 2/28/24. **ALL** questions must be answered “Yes.” **Attach proof. These are one time donations; not recurring donations.**

_____ 1. Did your society make a donation to at least **9** of the following funds? I1_____

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| \$_____ Archival Preservation Fund | \$_____ Mountain Schools Fund | \$_____ National Project (Required) |
| \$_____ Candidate Endowment Fund | \$_____ Museum Fund | \$_____ Celebrate C.A.R.! |
| \$_____ Equipment Fund | \$_____ Pouch Legacy Fund | \$_____ Magazine Fund |
| \$_____ Library Fund | \$_____ Utz Member Activities Fund | \$_____ Life Promoter Fund |
| \$_____ Veterans Fund | \$_____ Magazine Fund | \$_____ Voyager Fund |
| \$_____ National Endowment Fund | \$_____ Niebell Endowment Fund | \$_____ General/Operating Fund |

_____ 2. Did you have **at least one Star Supporter (Required)**. *Minimum \$5.00 a Month, recurring for 12 months, to one or more of the 3 funds listed below: List the total Number (#) of Star Supporters after each Fund. (Not counted as part of I1)* I2_____

\$_____ National Endowment Fund #_____ \$_____ Niebell Endowment Fund #_____ \$_____ General/Operating Fund #_____

_____ 3. Did **your society** receive credit for at least \$100 in donations for any combination of the following? **Attach Proof** I3_____

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| \$_____ National Promoters (\$25 each) | \$_____ Life Promoters (\$100.00 each) |
| \$_____ Mountain Schools Pins (\$25 each) | \$_____ Library Fund Pin (\$100) |
| \$_____ Apple Slice Pins (\$50 each) {Museum Fund/ Children’s Room} | \$_____ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100) |
| \$_____ Niebell Fund Pins (\$50 each) | \$_____ Voyager Fund Pins (\$50 each) |
| \$_____ Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000) Red Apple Pin and Plaque | \$_____ Endowment Fund Pin (\$100.00) |
| \$_____ Endowment Fund Benefactor Pin (\$500.00) | \$_____ Endowment Fund Legacy Pin (\$1,000.00) |

Society President’s name (printed) and signature

Senior Society President’s name (printed) and signature

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