



2022 – 2023
NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

N.S.C.A.R. recognizes the accomplishments, activities, and hard work 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 Find Fun In The Past... Build Joy In The Future! Certificate of Participation. Awards are based upon the responses received on this form. Affirmative answers will be verified. Documentation of activities and programs MUST accompany this entry and will be considered in judging. 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, yearbook, and copy of Treasurer's Report). Double-sided sheets count as two pages. Please number ALL pages and reference the page numbers on this form. Societies should return the completed form, (with required attachments), covering the period from March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

- 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, 2023.

Send via Regular U.S. Mail. 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.

Society Name _____ State _____

A. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS – ALL questions must be answered "Yes." Attach details.

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Did your society:

- 1. Attach a list of all C.A.R. events held by your society? A1 _____
Provide details on separate sheet(s). Tip – Maintain records throughout the year including dates, events, descriptions of activities, and the number of participants – members, prospective members, seniors, and others.
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 Project, Find Fun in the Past ... Build Joy in the Future? A3 _____
4. Invite a National or State officer, other than a member of your society, to attend a meeting, (virtual or in-person)? A4 _____

B. MEMBERSHIP – ALL questions must be answered "Yes." Attach details.

- 1. Were National Dues and Senior Society President's fee paid and postmarked on or before 1/1/2023? 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.

Member Totals: as of 3/1/2022 _____ New _____ Transfers in _____ Dropped _____

Aged out _____ as of 2/28/2023 Resigned _____ Transfers out _____ Pending _____

C. C.A.R. MAGAZINE – ALL questions must be answered "Yes." Attach details.

- 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 complete copy of your 2023 Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients.

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 on their membership until aging out? D1 _____
2. OR Did life members make up at least 10% of your current membership? D2 _____

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

1. Did your society fulfill **ALL** the C.A.R. **Newsletter Requirements for the 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, *Find Fun In The Past... Build Joy For The Future!* F1 _____

2. Use nscar.org, local society website, and/or other Social Media sites to promote C.A.R.? F2 _____

3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society? F3 _____

4. Did your society submit an article to The N.S.C.A.R. Blog? F4 _____

5. Did your society participate in the C.A.R. Day of Service on April 5, 2022, or another designated date? F5 _____

G. CONTESTS – Did your society participate in at least **six** of the National Committee contests following directions in the *Find Fun In The Past... Build Joy For the Future! National Program Packet?* **Include entry cover sheets.**

Do NOT include contest proofs with your Merit Award entry. G1 _____

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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.**

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 2/28/23.

ALL questions must be answered “Yes.” **Attach proof.**

1. Did your society donate to at least ten of the following? I1 _____

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

2. Did your society receive credit for at least \$100 donations for any combination of the following? **Attach list.** I2 _____

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| \$_____ National Promoters (\$25) | \$_____ Mountain Schools Pins (\$25) |
| \$_____ Apple Slice Pins (\$50) | \$_____ Niebell Fund Pins (\$50) |
| \$_____ Voyager Fund Pins (\$50) | \$_____ Endowment Fund Pin (\$100) |
| \$_____ Library Fund Pin (\$100) | \$_____ Life Promoter (\$100) |
| \$_____ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100) | \$_____ Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000) (Red Apple Pin and Plaque) |

Society President’s name (printed) and signature

Senior Society President’s name (printed) and signature

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