



2024 – 2025  
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 **Courage, Service, Honor**. 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 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 entry form, 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, 2024 to February 28, 2025.**

**Gold Merit Award** achieve at least 280 points  
**Blue Merit Award** achieve at least 220 points  
**Red Merit Award** achieve at least 160 points  
**Honorable Mention** achieve at least 100 points  
**Certificate of Participation** all submissions

**DEADLINE:** email receive by 11:59 pm on March 3, 2025 or **\*\*US mail postmarked February 24\*\*.**

Send via **EMAIL** - must be one file in a PDF format or **hardcopy** can be mailed via **US mail.**

Email to Chairman Madeline Herring at [madeline316car@gmail.com](mailto:madeline316car@gmail.com) and

Sr Chairman Catherine Jimenez [msbcar@casajimenez.org](mailto:msbcar@casajimenez.org)

US mailing addresses can be found in **National roster.**

Society Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**A. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS - Attach details.** **Points/Page #(s)**

- 1. Each meeting where opening ritual with pledge and creed is recited is 3 points. Maximum of 18 points  
**Provide details on separate sheet(s). Tip – Maintain records throughout the year** including dates, Program Committee covered, number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others. A1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Each other event (parade, wreath laying, service project, etc) where you meet as a society, but ritual isn't performed 2 Points maximum of 10 Points  
**Provide details on separate sheet(s). Tip – Maintain records throughout the year** including dates, description of activities, number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others. A2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Have at least one program on the National Project. 5 Points - Max of 5 points A3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Invite a National Board Member or State officer, other than a member of your society, to attend a meeting, (virtual or in-person) 2 Points per officer (needs to be different officers) Max of 6 points A4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Meeting hosted where societies throughout the country can attend. This is a mentorship opportunity for experienced societies to host via virtual or in person meetings for newer societies. Advertise these meetings for to share valuable programs. Newer societies please be on a look out for those hosting different meeting opportunities. Provide name of other society, and committee program covered (American History, Conservation, etc) 5 Points - Max of 15 A5 \_\_\_\_\_

**A Section Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Dues**

- 1. Were National Dues and Senior Society President’s fee paid and postmarked on or before **1/1/2025?** (10 Points) B1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. 11 or more *families* 90% paid (10 points) or 10 or fewer *families* all but one family paid (10 points)  
Life membership count toward totals B2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of families \_\_\_\_\_ Number paid \_\_\_\_\_

**B Section Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Membership** - List names and national numbers of new members on a separate sheet.

Member Totals: Total as of 2/28/2025 \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Dropped \_\_\_\_\_ Aged out \_\_\_\_\_ Resigned \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your society have at least **1 new** member accepted 5 points.  
a. Each additional new member 4 points (no maximum) C1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 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. 5 Points  
a. Each additional new life member 5 points C2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Life members make up 10% of membership (3 points), 20% (6 points), 30% (9 points) C3 \_\_\_\_\_

**C Section Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**D. C.A.R. MAGAZINE – Attach details.**

1. Each Article submitted to *C.A.R. Magazine* 5 Points maximum 15 points D1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have a magazine minute at two meetings, reading an article from *C.A.R. Magazine* 3 Points D2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. At least **75%** of your society's member families receive the *C.A.R. Magazine*. 15 Points  
(Include subscriptions, National and Life Promoters, seniors who receive the magazine in the household)  
Attach a complete copy of your **2024** Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients.  
What percent of your society's member families received the *C.A.R. Magazine*? % \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bonus of 3 points for 85% and 10 points for 100%) D3 \_\_\_\_\_

**D Section Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. SOCIETY Communications** – Submit a copy or screen shot of each with this entry.

If you choose to not do the newsletters, be sure to include newsletter requirements in your society emails or social media posts.

1. Each issue that the society fulfills ALL the C.A.R. Newsletter Requirements  
10 Points, max 30 Points E1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Social Media Posts on personal, society, state, regional, or national social media pages promoting C.A.R.  
3 points, max 30 Points E2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Society emails (emails that are sent out remind society members of upcoming events and meetings)  
3 Points, max 30 points E3 \_\_\_\_\_

Section maximum of 60 points **E Section Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**F. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

1. Involve the DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. in the National Program. 5 Points F1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Use nscar.org, local society website, and/or other Social Media sites to promote C.A.R.? 2 pt/max 10 F2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society. 2 pt/max 20 F3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did your society participate in the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5, 2024. 10 pt. F4 \_\_\_\_\_

**F Section Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. CONTESTS** – Your society or member of your society submitted in the National Committee contests from the 2024/2025 *National Program Packet*. **Do NOT include contest proofs with your Merit Award entry Proof is obtained from awards committee**

_____ <b>National Project</b>	_____ Conservation	_____ Mountain Schools
_____ American Heritage	_____ Government Studies	_____ Patriotic Education
_____ American History	_____ Indigenous History	_____ Public Relations
_____ C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations	_____ Kids Helping Kids	_____ Veterans
_____ C.A.R. <i>Magazine</i> and Newsletters	_____ Membership	

Each contest entry is 2 Points Maximum of 28 points

**G Section Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**H. MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS** – Send donations directly to the schools. **Attach proof.** 5 Points

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Aid Given \_\_\_\_\_

**H Section Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. DONATIONS** – All donations must be received at C.A.R. National Headquarters postmarked on or before 2/28/25.

1. Your society donated to the following funds. **Star Supporter counts toward donations in this section.**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **National Endowment Fund (Required)**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Niebell Endowment Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Operating Fund (recommended)

1 point \$1.00 donated. 20 maximum points

I1 \_\_\_\_\_

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

\$\_\_\_\_\_ National Promoters (\$25)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Schools Pins (\$25)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Apple Slice Pins (\$50)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Niebell Fund Pins (\$50)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Voyager Fund Pins (\$50)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Endowment Fund Pin

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Library Fund Pin (\$100)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Endowment Benefactor Fund Pin

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Life Promoter (\$100)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 Endowment Legacy Fund Pin

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000) {Red Apple Pin and Plaque}

2 points for each \$25 donated. 16 Maximum of points

I2 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Star Supporter - Each person affiliated with the society that is a star supporter for at least 6 months. 4 points per person (Seniors included) Maximum 24 points I3 \_\_\_\_\_

**I Section Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Society President's name (printed) and signature**

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**Senior Society President's name (printed) and signature**

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**Address**

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