

**SONS OF THE REVOLUTION  
IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA**

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS FOR THIS SOCIETY**

1. A short form of the application may be used by sons, brothers and grandsons of members, provided they are using the same ancestor, and provided that review of the old application for their relative by the Registrar shows satisfactory proof of Revolutionary service and descent. (Many earlier applications, largely prior to 1975, were accepted without documentary proof. Many of these have been found to be in error.)
2. An applicant who is already a member of another state society of this organization will be accepted for membership in the Virginia society, provided that he submits a copy of his application accompanied by a letter from the Secretary of his member society, showing him to be a member in good standing.
3. Persons who are eligible consist of descendents of persons who served between April 1775 and the signing of the peace treaty in 1783, and who were in the military service, always remaining loyal to such service, or who were a Signor of the Declaration of Independence, Member of the Continental Congress, or of the Congress of one of the Colonies or States, an official appointed by legislative authority of any such legislative body, who actually assisted in establishment of American Independence by services rendered during the War of the Revolution, becoming liable to treason against the government of Great Britain, and always remaining loyal to the colony or state.

**TO FILL OUT THE FORMS**

1. On page labeled "Application for Membership" (p. 2) the name of the ancestor and his dates and places of birth and death (if known) are to be listed, followed by a statement of his military or other service.

Proof of service must be documented. If document, publication or books available to the Registrar at the Virginia State Library or the Virginia Historical Society are used, cite book, author, page number and volume, if pertinent. If proofs are from manuscripts, Bibles, published family histories or public records not found in Virginia, submit photocopies of the pertinent pages of books and Bibles, along with title page, and copies of the documents, such as birth, death and marriage certificates. ("Aunt Susie's" handwritten family history recollections cannot be accepted as proof.) Applications to other societies cannot be accepted as proof, although you may use the same proofs if they adhere to the above rules.

The applicant must sign at the bottom of this page. It also must be signed by two members of the society as Proposer and Secunder.

2. On page labeled "Affidavit" (p. 3) you should show descent from the ancestor who performed Revolutionary service. Only use dates and names for which you have documentary proof. Complete names and dates are not as important as proof of descent. Wives should be listed by their maiden names only.
3. On page 4 there are two places where the applicant must sign. The first one (at the top) should be before a notary. References for generations #1 and #2 (the applicant and his parents) require no proof. All others require documentary proof as noted in the paragraph above on proof of service. Certificates of Virginia births, deaths and marriages may be obtained for the period after 1912 from the VDH, Office of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Post Office Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23218-1000, telephone 804-662-6200 for \$10.00 per certificate. Certificate prior to 1912 may be available at the state archives. (Birth certificates were not required between 1896 and 1912.) If tombstone dates are cited as proof, supply a photo.
4. The Registrar may waive requirements on submission of documents, if in the judgment of the Registrar, the service and descent are otherwise proven.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR HAND PRINTED AND SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE. (only one copy of documentary proofs need be submitted.)