

# WVDAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Community Service Awards Committee provides a unique opportunity for chapters to provide a non-competitive recognition to worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding voluntary service. Examples of previously recognized service included unpaid achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors.

A chapter may present a limit of two (2) awards per NSDAR year (January 1-December 31). Community Service Awards are for recognition of service activities outside of DAR, so DAR members are eligible as long as their service is not related to their DAR activities.

Watch for noteworthy activities in local media outlets and find members of your community who are doing great things! Remember to capture your recognition presentation in pictures or video. Consider sending a press release to local media outlets to further honor the recipient's work and to promote the service work of NSDAR.

## **Qualifications for the Award**

\*The individual or organization must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner. This can be through voluntary, heroic, civic or benevolent service, or by organizing or participating in community activities.

\*The achievement must have taken place within the past five (5) years with no compensation.

\*Members of NSDAR are eligible for this award if the service is unrelated to their DAR activities.

\*The award may not be presented to a recipient more than one time and may not be initiated or approved posthumously. Awards that have been approved may be presented posthumously.

I nominee may not receive more than one NSDAR award for the same accomplishments.

\*Community Service Awards are chapter or state awards of recognition. They are not contests. There is no competitive judging on any level.

## **Process**

1) A Chapter or State initiates the award nomination by sending the **STATE CHAIR a recommendation packet that contains:**

\*One (1) copy of the Chapter/State Recommendation Form for Community Service Award-Completed and signed. Please verify that your email address is accurate.

\*One(1) copy of the documentation, which may include a detailed description of service, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles showing dateline and title of publication and internet documentation showing web address and date retrieved. Letters of recommendation should be on letterhead and should identify how the writer is acquainted with the recipient. The documentation must be relevant to the service for which the nominee is being recognized. The documentation is limited to eight(8) pages. DO NOT bind or laminate any hard copy documentation.

2) If approved, the STATE CHAIR WILL SEND A SCAN OR PHOTO OF THE SIGNED APPROVAL TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED ON THE Recommendation Form.

3) Upon receiving STATE CHAIR approval, the CHAPTER REGENT or CHAPTER CHAIR takes the following actions.

\*Order your Community Service Award online from the DAR Store.

\*On the CSA purchase page, upload a copy of the approved nomination form along with your order number.

\*Contact the State Chair with any questions or go to Community Service Awards, DAR Members' Section, NSDAR website.

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