

# Community Service

WVDAR

## Awards

**Bloom Where  
You Are  
Planted**

**How does my chapter recognize worthy individuals in our chapter or community and organizations for their voluntary achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship or environmental contributions?**

**ANSWER: A Community Service Award!**

### Qualifications:

- The individual or organization must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through voluntary heroic, civic, 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.
- A 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:

The Chapter/State Recommendation Form for Community Service Award may be printed from the NSDAR Members' Web Site on the [Forms page](#) (CSA-1000). As your state chair for this committee, I must receive the following:

- One (1) copy of the completed recommendation form completed and signed. Verify your email address.
- One (1) copy of the documentation, which may include a detailed description of service, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles showing date line 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. Note: Payment check and stamped envelope are NO LONGER required at this step.
- If approved, the STATE CHAIR will send a scan or photo of the signed approval to the email addresses provided on the Recommendation Form.
- Upon receiving STATE CHAIR approval, the CHAPTER REGENT or CHAPTER CHAIR takes the following actions:

1. Order your Community Service Award online from the DAR store

<https://shop.dar.org/community-service-award/>

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

Contact Linda McGraw at (304)676-2989 or email: [lindamcgraw.dar@gmail.com](mailto:lindamcgraw.dar@gmail.com) with any questions.

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