

**Apply for a Community Celebration Grant!**

These one-time, \$500 chapter grants are designed to help DAR chapters hold an event in their community to celebrate America 250! in 2026.

Event must be open to the public and must take place in 2026. Grants are for chapters only; however, chapters may pool their grants with other chapters. These grants may not be used for the purchase, installation or dedication ceremony of a DAR America 250! Patriot Marker. NOTE: If approved, chapters may receive one DAR America 250! Community Celebration Grant and one DAR America 250! Patriot Marker Grant, during the Storage Administration.

***A few Ideas:***

- Hosting an America 250! birthday party at a school, park, or community center;
- Public reading the Declaration of Independence;
- Hosting library exhibit on the Declaration of Independence and America 250!;
- Donating America 250! books to your local school or library;
- Leading a walking tour of significant events in your community's history that spotlights America 250!;
- Planting a Liberty Tree in your community.

For more ideas, check out the America 250! DOC at: <https://community.dar.org/america-250>

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- Application Instructions ([AMER250!-3000](#))
- Application ([AMER250!-3001](#))
- After Action Report ([AMER250!-3002](#))

**Looking Ahead to 2033: The Journey Continues**

The passage of July 4th was only the opening chapter of the America 250! Commemoration. DAR's mission to celebrate, educate, and honor our Revolutionary history extends through September 3, 2033, marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

As we look to the year ahead, our commitment to remembering the sacrifices of our Patriots remains steadfast. How will your chapter bring history to life in your community in the coming year? Here are a few key 250th anniversary dates to inspire your upcoming programs and commemorations:

- 1776: Bernardo de Gálvez initiates covert Spanish aid to the American Patriots.
- Sept 15, 1776: British forces occupy New York City following the landing at Kip's Bay.
- Sept. 19, 1776: Continental Congress adopts "United States of America" as official name.
- Dec 8, 1776: Washington's army completes its retreat across the Delaware River.
- Dec 25–26, 1776: Washington's Christmas night crossing the Delaware River and surprise victory at Trenton.
- June 13, 1777: Marquis de Lafayette arrives in America to serve the Patriot cause.
- June 14, 1777: Flag Day – Congress officially adopts the Stars and Stripes.
- Aug 16, 1777: American militia triumphs over British forces at the Battle of Bennington.
- Oct 17, 1777: General Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga, securing French recognition.
- Dec 19, 1777: The Continental Army enters its winter encampment at Valley Forge.