

DAR DNA Network Committee

Join the DAR DNA Project!!!

The NSDAR DNA Project hosted by Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) was created in 2014 to support the use of Y-DNA in member applications in accordance with DAR's DNA testing policies. In the spring of 2016, the project expanded to include autosomal and mitochondrial DNA tests. Members may join the project with their own DNA test(s) or those of close family members.

The goals of the database are to:

1. Maintain a Y-DNA database to assist with the verification of lineages on applications and supplemental applications when traditional documentation does not exist.
2. **Preserve our genetic history for future generations!!!**
3. Study the correlation of mitochondrial and autosomal DNA test results with the lineages on verified applications and supplemental applications as a possible aid in ancestor identification.

To join, please follow https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r_TEAn-3n8f0bed5p9zf4LpMTgJ5aaYW/view?usp=drive_link.

Using DNA to Prove Applications of Adoptees

In 2025, the WVDAR welcomed their first member to have her application verified using DNA (and supporting documentation). The DAR has long accepted paternity, maternity and siblingship tests of the type used by the court system, as proof of parentage for members.

Besides paternity tests, there are three types of DNA tests that are available commercially to genealogists. These include Y-DNA, mtDNA (mitochondrial DNA) and autosomal DNA tests. Each type of DNA test has its advantages and limitations. At this time, autosomal DNA and Y-DNA tests offer the most reliable means of using DNA evidence for DAR application papers.

Do you know an adoptee who has always wanted to join DAR? Please reach out to your State DAR DNA Network Chair for more information.

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