

We are very excited to learn of your interest in joining the Sons of the American Revolution and our Clearwater Chapter. To follow is an outline of the New Membership Process.

## **Eligibility**

Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) requires documented proof of lineage to your ancestor who supported American Freedom as a Patriot. If you have an ancestor who aided the cause of American Independence during the Revolutionary War (1775 - 1783) by doing any of the following:

- Continental Soldier or Seaman
- Member of the State Militia
- Person who took the “Oath of Allegiance”
- Prisoners of War
- Person who “Paid” a substitute to fight
- Person who was a “Substitute” during the War
- Person who paid taxes
- Person who supplied food/rum, horses, wagons, medical aid and so on.
- A Judge or Juror during a post War claim

## **There are Four Easy Steps to Join SAR**

### **1) Review or Create Your Family Tree**

- a. Review your current Family Tree
- b. Create a new Family Tree “FREE” by the Clearwater Chapter, SAR; needs:
  - i. Full Names of Self, Father, Mother & Grandparents.
    1. Maiden Names of Women
    - ii. Date/Place of Birth/Death for all above.

### **2) Determine Eligibility**

- a. Review your Ancestor’s born between 1725-1765 and died 1776 or after, to determine period “Eligibility”.

### **3) Collect Your Records**

- a. Only those ancestors with “direct” lineage to your “Patriot Ancestor” needs supporting records.
- b. For the SAR app you will need your Birth Certificate, plus Birth or Death Certificates for the next Two (2) Generations. (Parents and Grandparents)
- c. Before 1850 we can use Wills, Baptism, Marriage records, Family Bible, etc. DAR and SAR approved applications will also be used whenever possible.
- d. The Clearwater Chapter will help you through this entire process.

### **4) Start the SAR Application**

- a. Your local Clearwater Chapter, SAR will complete the SAR application and attach your supporting records.
- b. You will get a copy of the SAR App along with all your original Records, once your application has been approved.
- c. Current application with one-time fees & first year dues for SAR membership \$285.00 Total for National, State and Chapter.
- d. Annual Dues going forward are \$80.00 Total for National, State and Chapter.
- e. SAR also offers Family Plans with discounted Fees on all added Members.
- f. Junior Membership (Under 18) is also available at reduced Fees.

We hope to hear from you soon. Please, click on the “Contact Us” link for a Chapter representative.