

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.