

What documentation is required for the application?

The Youth Application differs slightly from a regular membership application -- it requires only one sponsor. For the lineage the same rules apply as for a regular membership application -- each link to an earlier generation must be documented, following all the rules and guidelines of a regular application. Often the applicant will be using a previously established SAR or DAR line, in which case he must include the SAR national membership number or a record copy of the DAR application. Any part of the lineage that has not been documented through a previously established line must be supported by birth certificates, marriage certificates, census records, etc. If he is the child of an SAR member the father's SAR number and the child's birth certificate are normally all that would be needed. The application should be signed by the youth's legal guardian (to attest to the lineage examination statement) and -- if he is old enough to understand the process -- by the youth.

To whom should the application be submitted?

It should be processed in the same way as a regular membership application and submitted to the Chapter or State Society registrar or secretary. If the Chapter and State Society approve the lineage and documentation, it will be sent on to National with the supporting documentation, the check for national fees, and a transmittal form. The State Society will keep a copy of the application (not the documentation) for its own files.

What does it cost?

The national application processing fee is the same as for a regular membership application:

\$35 if the youth has no SAR relative
\$5 if he is the son, grandson, brother, nephew or grandnephew of a member of the SAR, DAR or SR (in good standing now or at the time of death).

There may also be a state application fee. No first-year dues are required with the application since the youth will not become a regular member of SAR until he reaches the age of 18.

How are the payments handled?

It is usually most convenient for the applicant to write separate checks for national and state fees. The check for national fees should be made out to "Treasurer General, NSSAR". These are submitted to the state with the application, and the state society forwards the application (when approved at the state level) and the check for national fees to national headquarters.

Is the application actually processed?

Yes. It's processed just as a regular membership application is and either accepted or rejected by the State Society and by the National Society. Upon acceptance, National issues a youth registrant number and sends an SAR Youth Registrant certificate for the State Society to present along with a Youth Registrant pin for the youth's lapel. The application is placed in an escrow file, and the National Society keeps contact information in a follow-up database so that the youth and his sponsor are reminded to apply for activation of membership when the youth becomes 18 years old. Until activation occurs the registrant will not be counted as a member in national or state statistics and he may not vote or hold office.

Are there programs for youth registrants within State Societies?

A state may set up a Youth Registrant program of activities or recommend that the youth join the CAR. A series of activities and contacts will assure that the youth is well-prepared to become a member when he reaches 18.

Is he automatically joining the State Society in which he applied?

No, when accepted, he simply becomes a pre-approved youth registrant. When he becomes 18, he may become a regular member of the SAR by requesting (through any State Society) activation of his membership. He must pay both state and national dues unless these have been prepaid by a life membership fee. No further review of his application is required. The bylaws of the State Society that he joins will determine whether or not he is required to join a chapter.

What does the youth get?

A Youth Registrant certificate comparable to the membership certificate (naming the patriot ancestor), an SAR Youth Registrant pin, and publication of his name in *The SAR Magazine*.

What happens when he reaches 18?

When he becomes 18 and elects to activate his membership he should contact a Chapter or State Society registrar or membership chairman. That person should advise him to write a "membership activation" letter noting his wish to activate his membership, citing his youth registrant number, and enclosing a check for Chapter, State Society, and National dues (unless these were prepaid through a life membership fee). The State Society will forward a copy of the letter to the National Society, which will take the application out of escrow, assign national and state membership numbers for him, and prepare a membership certificate for presentation by the State Society or Chapter.

What happens if he does not join the society at 18?

He may join at any age after 18. If he does not wish to join, he will not become an SAR. His application will not be available for other lineages nor will it be entered in the Patriot Index. If he has paid a National Life Membership fee it will remain part of the Life Membership Permanent Fund.

What if he joins, then stops paying dues?

If he fails to keep his dues payments current, he will be dropped from the active member roster. If he has paid a National Life Membership fee there will be no refund to him or to his sponsor, as is the case with the regular National Life Membership.

For further information about the Youth Registration program and an application form, contact the person whose name appears in the box below:



What about life membership?

The youth (or his sponsor) has the option of paying the National Youth Life Membership fee (\$600 in 2001). In that case he will never have to pay national dues. A special additional certificate will be issued to youth who have paid the Life Membership fee.

What happens to the national life membership fee?

It is deposited in the Life Membership Permanent Fund so that when the young man becomes a full member of SAR, sufficient funds will be available to pay his national membership dues for as long as he remains a member of SAR. If the youth should die before he becomes 18 and activates his membership his life membership fee remains in the Life Membership Permanent Fund with no refund.



The Youth Registration Program

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This handout explains the SAR's revised youth program, which will provide us with enthusiastic and pre-approved young members in years to come.

What is it?

The SAR Youth Registration program allows senior relatives to ensure that on attaining the age of 18 a young relative will be accepted into membership in the SAR with no further documentation required.