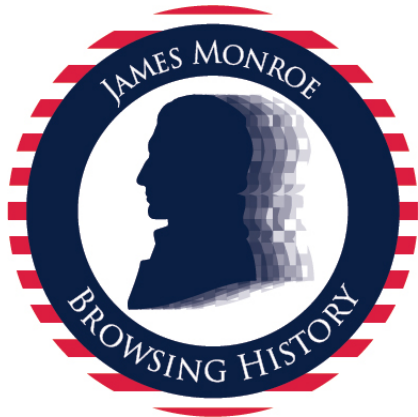


**2017-2018  
NATIONAL MERIT AWARD**



N.S.C.A.R. recognizes accomplishments, activities, and hard work of the most outstanding societies. ALL Gold, Blue, Red, and Honorable Mention societies are honored for their achievements. The top three societies are chosen from among Gold Merit Award societies. All societies entering will receive a **Browsing History** Certificate of Participation.

Awards are based upon the responses received on this form. **Affirmative answers will be verified.** Documentation of activities and programs must accompany this entry and will be considered in judging. Sufficient information **MUST** be provided to allow the chairman to properly evaluate your entry. For example, embedded photos, minutes, and newsletters of the activity should accompany each entry. Be sure to reference evidence not embedded under the related section.

**No photo albums, videos, or media submissions are allowed. Entries are limited to 80 numbered pages excluding newsletters, yearbook and copy of Treasurer's Report. Double-sided sheets count as two pages.**

**Societies should complete and return this form with required attachments covering the period from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.**

<b>Gold Merit Award</b>	All sections must be answered "Yes."
<b>Blue Merit Award</b>	Sections A, B, and C must be answered "Yes." All but one of the remaining sections must be answered "Yes."
<b>Red Merit Award</b>	Sections A, B, C must be answered "Yes." All but two of the remaining sections must be answered "Yes."
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	Sections A and F must be answered "Yes."
<b>Certificate of Participation</b>	All entries will receive a certificate.

**Deadline**

This report with all attachments must be postmarked on or before **March 1, 2018**. This contest cannot be submitted electronically. To have entry returned, enclose credit card information or a \$20 check made payable to N.S.C.A.R.

**Mail to** (address available in roster or online)

Melissa Leigh Olde Wetzel, Senior National Chairman, National Merit Award

**No need to send via certified mail; a confirmation of receipt will be emailed to the Senior Society President.**

**Society Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS – ALL** questions must be answered "Yes." Provide details on separate sheet(s).

Did your society:

1. **Attach a list** of all C.A.R. events held by your society? \_\_\_\_\_  
**Provide details on separate sheet(s). Tip – Maintain records throughout the year** including dates, events, description of activities, and number of participants – members, prospective members, seniors, and others.
2. Hold at least **six** business meetings following the C.A.R. ritual? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have at least one program on the national theme, **Browsing History**? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Present a program or have a project on at least **six** of these national committees from the **Browsing History National Program Packet**? \_\_\_\_\_

___ American Heritage	___ Conservation	___ Mountain Schools
___ American History	___ Government Studies	___ Patriotic Education Program
___ American Indian	___ Kids Helping Kids	___ Public Relations
___ C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters	___ Membership	___ Veterans
5. Invite a state officer, other than a member of your society, to attend a meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. MEMBERSHIP – ALL** questions must be answered "Yes."

1. Were **ALL** national dues and the Senior Society President's fee paid and postmarked on or before **1/1/18**? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did your society have at least two **new** members accepted OR have a **net gain**? \_\_\_\_\_  
List names and national numbers of new members on a separate sheet.

**C. C.A.R. MAGAZINE**

1. Did at least 75% of your society's member families receive the *C.A.R. Magazine*? \_\_\_\_\_  
Include subscriptions, National and Life Promoters, and seniors who receive the magazine in the families.
2. What percent of your society's member families received the *C.A.R. Magazine*? \_\_\_\_\_  
Attach a complete copy of your **2018** Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients.

**D. NET GAIN – Transfers in and out and pending members do not count for or against a net gain.**

Did your society have a **net gain** in membership? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Member Totals:</b>	as of 3/1/17	_____	New	_____	Transfers in	_____	Dropped	_____
<b>Aged out</b>	as of 2/28/18	_____	Resigned	_____	Transfers out	_____	Pending	_____

**E. LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – One question must be answered “Yes.” **Attach list.**

- 1. Did your society obtain **one new** member as a life member or did **two current** members become life members (two years minimum each)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Did life members make up at least **10%** of your current membership? \_\_\_\_\_

**F. SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS** – Submit a copy of each newsletter with this entry.  
Did your society fulfill all of the C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

**G. PUBLIC RELATIONS** – **ALL** questions must be answered “Yes.” **Attach details.**

Did your society:

- 1. Involve the DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. in the national program, **Browsing History**? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Use nscar.org and/or other World Wide Web sites to promote C.A.R.? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society? \_\_\_\_\_

**H. CONTESTS** – Did your society participate in at least eight of the national contests following directions in the **Browsing History National Program Packet**? Include contests which are judged according to C.A.R. National Headquarters records. \_\_\_\_\_

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|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| _____ <b>National President (Required)</b> | _____ National Treasurer           | _____ C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters |
| _____ National First Vice President        | _____ National Registrar           | _____ Conservation                    |
| _____ National Second Vice President       | _____ National Assistant Registrar | _____ Government Studies              |
| _____ National Chaplain                    | _____ National Historian           | _____ Kids Helping Kids               |
| _____ National Recording Secretary         | _____ National Librarian           | _____ Membership                      |
| _____ National Organizing Secretary        | _____ National Curator             | _____ Mountain Schools                |
| _____ National Assistant                   | _____ American Heritage            | _____ Patriotic Education Program     |
| _____ Organizing Secretary                 | _____ American History             | _____ Public Relations                |
| _____ National Corresponding Secretary     | _____ American Indian              | _____ Veterans                        |

**I. MOUNTAIN AND AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOOLS** – Send donations directly to the schools.

Did your society donate to **at least** one Mountain or American Indian school? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing (lbs.), gifts, and other aid \_\_\_\_\_ Money \_\_\_\_\_

**J. DONATIONS** – All donations must be received at C.A.R. National Headquarters postmarked on or before 2/28/18.

**ALL** questions must be answered “Yes.”

1. Did your society donate to at least ten of the following? \_\_\_\_\_

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|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| \$_____ Archival Preservation Fund | \$_____ Life Promoter Fund                 | \$_____ Niebell Endowment Fund     |
| \$_____ Candidate Endowment Fund   | \$_____ Magazine Fund                      | \$_____ Operating Fund             |
| \$_____ Children’s Annual          | \$_____ Mountain Schools Fund              | \$_____ Pouch Legacy Fund          |
| _____ Reassurance Fund             | \$_____ National Endowment Fund            | \$_____ Utz Member Activities Fund |
| \$_____ Equipment Fund             | <b>(Required)</b>                          | \$_____ Veterans Fund              |
| \$_____ Library Fund               | \$_____ National Project <b>(Required)</b> | \$_____ Voyager Fund               |

2. Did your society receive credit for at least one of the following? **Attach list.** \_\_\_\_\_

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|--|---|
| \$_____ Four National Promoters (\$25 each)    | \$_____ Endowment Fund Pin (\$100)        |
| \$_____ Four Mountain Schools Pins (\$25 each) | \$_____ Library Fund Pin (\$100)          |
| \$_____ Two Apple Slice Pins (\$50 each)       | \$_____ Life Promoter (\$100)             |
| {Museum Fund and The Children’s Room}          | \$_____ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100)         |
| \$_____ Two Niebell Fund Pins (\$50 each)      | \$_____ Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000) |
| \$_____ Two Voyager Fund Pins (\$50 each)      | {Red Apple Pin and Plaque}                |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Society President’s name (printed) and signature

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Senior Society President’s name (printed) and signature

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