

**2020 – 2021
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 **Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots** 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 in order to allow the chairman to properly evaluate your entry. For example, embedded photos, and newsletters of the activity should accompany each entry. **No photo albums, videos, or media submissions are allowed. Entries are limited to 50 pages** excluding newsletters, yearbook, and copy of Treasurer's Report. **Double-sided sheets count as two pages. Please number ALL pages and reference the page numbers on this form.**

Societies should complete and return this form with required attachments covering the period from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

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

DEADLINE: This report with all attachments must be postmarked on or before **March 8, 2021.**

Send via regular U.S. Mail. E-mail entries will NOT be judged.

Sarah Steinke, Senior National Chairman, National Merit Award
(see National Roster for Mailing Address)

Do NOT send via certified mail; a confirmation of receipt will be e-mailed 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:

- 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.
- Hold at least **five** local society business meetings (virtual or in person) following the C.A.R. ritual? _____
May count virtual state conference or National Convention as one of your meetings.
- Have at least one program on the National Project, **Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots**? _____
- Invite a National or State officer, other than a member of your society, to attend a meeting (virtual or in person)? _____

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

- Were National Dues and Senior Society President's fee paid and postmarked on or before **1/1/2021**? _____
11 or more *families* 90% paid _____ 10 or less *families* all but one family paid _____
Number of families _____ Number paid _____
- 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. Transfers in or out, aged out, and pending members do not count for or against a net gain.

<u>Member Totals:</u>	as of 3/1/2020	_____	New	_____	Transfers in	_____	Dropped	_____
Aged out	as of 2/28/2021	_____	Resigned	_____	Transfers out	_____	Pending	_____

C. C.A.R. MAGAZINE

- Did your society submit two articles to the *C.A.R. Magazine*? _____
- Did your society have a magazine minute at two meetings, reading an article from the *C.A.R. Magazine*? _____
- 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.
- What percent of your society's member families received the *C.A.R. Magazine*? _____

Attach a complete copy of your **2021** Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients.

D. 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. **OR** Did life members make up at least **10%** of your current membership? _____

E. 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? _____

F. 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 & Project, **Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots?** _____
2. Use nscar.org, local society website and/or other social media web sites to promote C.A.R.? _____
3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society? _____
4. Did your society submit an article to The N.S.C.A.R. Blog? _____
5. Has your society made plans for, and promoted the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5, 2021? _____

G. CONTESTS – Did your society participate in at least **six** of the national contests following directions in the **Support Our Brave and Noble Patriots National Program Packet?** Include contests which are judged according to C.A.R. National Headquarters records. **Do NOT include all contest proofs with your Merit Award entry.** _____

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| _____ National Project (Required) | _____ C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters | _____ Mountain Schools |
| _____ American Heritage | _____ Conservation | _____ Patriotic Education Program |
| _____ American History | _____ Government Studies | _____ Public Relations |
| _____ American Indian | _____ Kids Helping Kids | _____ Veterans |
| _____ C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations | _____ Membership | |

H. 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 _____

I. DONATIONS – All donations must be received at C.A.R. National Headquarters postmarked on or before 2/28/21.
ALL questions must be answered “Yes.”

1. Did your society make a donation to at least ten of the following (including **Star Supporter** donations)? _____

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| \$ _____ Archival Preservation Fund | \$ _____ Mountain Schools Fund | \$ _____ Niebell Endowment Fund |
| \$ _____ Candidate Endowment Fund | \$ _____ Museum Fund | \$ _____ Operating Fund |
| \$ _____ Equipment Fund | \$ _____ National Endowment Fund | \$ _____ Pouch Legacy Fund |
| \$ _____ Library Fund | (Required) | \$ _____ Utz Member Activities Fund |
| \$ _____ Life Promoter Fund | \$ _____ National Program (Required) | \$ _____ Veterans Fund |
| \$ _____ Magazine Fund | \$ _____ National Project (Required) | \$ _____ Voyager Fund |

2. Did your society receive credit for at least \$100 donations for any combination of the following? **Attach list.** _____

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| \$ _____ National Promoters (\$25 each) | \$ _____ Endowment Fund Pin (\$100) |
| \$ _____ Mountain Schools Pins (\$25 each) | \$ _____ Library Fund Pin (\$100) |
| \$ _____ Apple Slice Pins (\$50 each)
{Museum Fund and The Children’s Room} | \$ _____ Life Promoter (\$100) |
| \$ _____ Niebell Fund Pins (\$50 each) | \$ _____ Magazine Fund Pin (\$100) |
| \$ _____ Voyager Fund Pins (\$50 each) | \$ _____ 125 th Anniversary Pin (\$125) |
| \$ _____ Star Supporter (\$100) | \$ _____ Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000)
{Red Apple Pin and Plaque} |

Society President’s name (printed) and signature

Senior Society President’s name (printed) and signature

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