



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The National Organization is comprised of all the Departments, Tents, Detached Tents, and Members-At-Large. Local groups are called Tents. When a State has three or more Tents, they can become organized under a State Department. In States with less than three Tents, the Tents are called Detached Tents.

If there is no Tent or Detached Tent in your area, you may apply to become a Member-At-Large under the National Organization.

To find Tent or Detached Tent locations, visit our National website at www.duvcw.org. On the Home page, right-hand corner, click on “Departments and Tents,” which is organized by State. (You may join a tent in any state or the state your ancestor served if listed.) Then click on the State of your choice. You may not find a tent near you, or your home state or your ancestor’s service state may not be shown. In any case, please contact our National Membership Chairperson. She will gladly help you with the application process and put you in touch with the appropriate Tent, Detached Tent, or National Registrar.

New Member Application

Application/Admission Fee

A fee of not less than \$30 (non-refundable)

\$30.00 for National Member-At-Large

Dues

Established by each Tent or Detached Tent and include the Tent or Detached Tent fee and National Membership Dues and Assessment fee and, if applicable, Department dues.

National Member-At-Large ~ \$24.00

Supplemental Application (for qualifying additional ancestors)

Supplemental Application Fee

A fee of not less than \$30 (non-refundable)

National Member-At-Large; contact National Registrar.

ELIGIBILITY

We take pride in providing the following information from our Bylaws in order that an applicant can be fully apprised regarding eligibility in the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

Section 1. Eligibility. Eligibility for membership in the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 is based on the eligibility as formerly required for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, which was as follows: Soldiers and Sailors of the U.S. Army, Navy or Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service who served between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of the United States General Officers, between the dates mentioned, and have been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible for membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States.”

- A. Membership shall be limited to daughters, granddaughters, or female lineal descendants of any generation thereafter of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service during the Rebellion of 1861 – 1865 and those who died or were killed while serving in the armed services of the Union between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865.
- B. Eligibility shall be through lineal descent only, and this shall never be changed.
- C. Any lineal descendant applying for membership who has been dishonorably discharged from any of the United States Armed Forces will not be accepted into the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.
- D. The minimum age for membership shall be eight years of age.
- E. The applicant’s consideration for membership shall not be discriminated against on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, national origin, familial status, or disability.

Section 2. Admissions. All membership applications will include documentation linking the applicant to the ancestor for each generation. Photocopies may be used.

Upon approval of the application, copies of the application for the Tent, Department, and Registrar will be mailed to the respective persons. Each applicant shall pay the admission fee.

APPLICATION NOTES

Printing the Application Form

The Applicant must complete the Application for Membership form in its entirety through the Civil War ancestor.

There are two (2) Application for Membership forms, both acceptable.

- Yellow Application for Membership form: A yellow or golden-rod colored paper 11" x 17" half-fold, four (4) pages. The Application may be typed or handwritten in black ink.
- The second Application for Membership form is a fillable .pdf downloaded from www.duvcw.org. Four (4) pages, it must be printed on acid-free, 8½" by 11" white paper at least 25% rag cotton. For example, Permalife 20 lb. Bond Paper.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Two application forms are provided: one for Tents and Detached Tents and one for Members-at-Large. The following information is to assist you in preparing your application(s) and to avoid delays. Failure to follow the instructions may result in the application being returned to the applicant for revision.

These instructions supersede all previous application instructions and should be strictly adhered to. You must do your genealogy research for each generation back to your Civil War ancestor.

1. The application form(s) must be completed through your Civil War ancestor. If the form is prepared by hand, it must be printed in black ink.
2. You must include copies of authentic documentation for each generation group to prove eligibility. Undocumented accounts of town or county histories and family histories or genealogies, including transcribed text or indices, are unacceptable. Types of acceptable documentation are as follows: birth certificates or baptismal records showing the name of the parents; death certificates/records; certified copies of church or governmental records; marriage records; obituaries; census records; wills/pension records and/or probate records giving the name of children of the descendant by full name; court records in which the names of the parent and children are explicitly stated; Bible records, either certified transcripts or photocopies (including title page showing publisher and date); and muster roll(s) giving dates. In addition, discharge papers, Adjutant General Reports, State Adjutant Reports, State Militia Records, and court records are accepted.

3. Each entry on the application must be supported by documentation. If no documentation is available, leave the space blank. Where a birth year can be estimated from the age shown on a record, such as a census, enter “about XXXX” (without quotes), where XXXX is the estimated year. Applicable names, dates, or locations in the documentation must be underlined in red. Print or type your name, your ancestor’s name, and the generation number supported on the back of each item. If you need guidance in filling out the form or tips on locating records, please contact the National Membership Chairperson or the committee member from the Tent or Detached Tent you are working with.
4. If you do not have documentation proving your ancestor served in the Civil War, the National Archives is one of the best sources for military service records. You may download the National Archives Order for Copies of Federal Pension or Bounty Land Warrant Applications (NAFT Form 85) and National Archives Order for Copies of Military Service Records (NAFT Form 86) from the NARA website: <http://www.archives.gov>. You may expedite your order by submitting it online. Another option is to request the forms by writing to the address below (ask for two in case of mistakes). Fees are listed on the applications.

Archives 1 Reference (NWCT1F-Military)
Textual Archives Services Division
National Archives and Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20408-0001

5. **After printing your application, please ensure you have signed the application on page 3 and the Membership Oath on page 4.**

Tent and Detached Tent Candidates: Upon completion of the application, mail your application, copies of supporting documentation, and your check or money order as required to the Tent or Detached Tent individual you have been working with.

Member-At-Large Candidates: Upon completing the application, do not hesitate to contact the National Registrar for mailing address information. Once received, mail your application, copies of supporting documentation, and your check or money order as required to the address provided.