



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 there from 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 all daughters, granddaughters, and all female direct lineal descendant of any generation thereafter of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy or 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 applications for membership will include documentation for each generation linking the applicant and the ancestor. Photocopies may be used. Upon approval of the application, copies will be made of the application for the Tent, Department, and Registrar and mailed to the respective persons. The original yellow copy will be forwarded to National Headquarters for retention. Applications shall contain the war record of the ancestor from whom eligibility is derived. Each applicant shall pay the admission fee. (Article XIV Section 3)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBESHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 in requesting the enclosed application(s). The following information is to assist you in filling out your application(s) and to avoid delays. These instructions supersede all previous application instructions and should be strictly adhered to. You will need to do your own genealogy research for each generation back to your Civil War ancestor. Please make a work copy before completing the final application.

1. The Yellow Application for Membership must be filled out completely through your Civil War ancestor. They may be typed or handwritten in black ink.

If the Application for Membership is the fillable .pdf downloaded from www.duvew.org, the Application must be printed on acid-free, 8½" by 11" white paper at least 25% rag cotton. For example, Permalife 20 lb. Bond Paper.

2. You must include copies of authentic documentation for each generation to prove eligibility. Undocumented accounts of town or county histories and family histories or genealogies are not acceptable. 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.

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 contained 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 committee member (see below) from the Tent or Detached Tent you are working with.

3. If you do not have documentation proving your ancestor served in the Civil War, one of the best sources for military service records is the National Archives. You may download 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

4. Please ensure that you have signed the application on page 3 and the membership oath on page 4. Upon completion of the application(s), mail your application(s), copies of supporting documentation, and your check or money order in the amount of _____ made payable to _____, DUVCW to:

Committee Member Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone number with area code _____

Email _____

Your check will be deposited upon receipt. Your application(s) will take time to process and verify, depending upon documentation received or lack thereof.

We look forward to receiving your completed paperwork, being able to approve your application, and welcoming you as a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865.