MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE
for the
VIRGINIA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION 1776

Membership in the Virginia Society Daughters of the Revolution 1776 (VADOR1776) is open to women of good character who can establish a lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who faithfully supported the cause of American Independence during the Revolutionary War.

Throughout our organization, the term "woman" refers to an individual who is biologically female from birth.

Our Darlings are members under the age of 18 who share an interest in American history, patriotism, and the legacy of our Revolutionary ancestors. They are the next generation of women who will carry forward the story and spirit of America's founding.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Collect the following information and documentation:

- Your full legal name and current contact information.
- The name of the Revolutionary War Patriot through whom you are applying.
- Birth, marriage, and death information for each generation connecting you to your Patriot.
- Documentation supporting each parent-to-child connection in your lineage.
- Documentation establishing your Patriot Ancestor's qualifying Revolutionary War service.
- Copies of previously approved lineage-society applications or record copies, if applicable.
- A copy of your unamended, certified birth certificate.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Page 1: Applicant Information

Provide your full legal name, mailing address, email address, phone number, the name of your Patriot Ancestor, and the appropriate membership class. Leave all other areas blank.

Page 2: Patriot Ancestor Information and Character Reference

Identify the Revolutionary War Patriot upon whose service your application is based. Complete the requested information about the Patriot, including name, birth information, residence during service, death information, and qualifying Revolutionary War service.

Service: Provide as much detail as is known, including rank, company, regiment, state, commanding officers, dates of service, and military actions during the Patriot's period of service. Describe qualifying civilian patriotic service in detail.

Proof of Service: Cite the records or authorities supporting the Patriot's service as specifically as possible. Include titles, volumes, page numbers, record numbers, file numbers, or certified copies, where applicable.

Character Reference: A reference must accompany the application and attest to the applicant's good character and suitability for membership. Choose someone who knows you well and attach the signed reference letter to your application.

Page 3: Applicant Declaration and Society Review

Read the Applicant Affidavit of Eligibility carefully. Date the application and sign where indicated. Leave all other areas blank.

Pages 4–7: Direct Lineage Connection

Begin with yourself, then list your parents and work backward, one generation at a time, until you reach the Patriot Ancestor named on Page 2. Do not skip generations. Be certain that the individual identified here is the same Patriot whose qualifying Revolutionary War service is described on Page 2.

Include names, birth dates and places, death dates and places, and marriage dates and locations, when known. If an exact date or place has not been established, do not guess. Provide the information that can be documented and ask for assistance if needed.

Use the reference line to identify the evidence supporting the genealogical facts entered for each generation. Acceptable supporting records may include:

- Birth and death certificates or records (BC and DC)
- Marriage records (MR)
- Bible records
- Wills and probate records
- Deeds
- Church and cemetery records
- Census records
- Military or pension records
- Previously verified lineage-society records

Page 7: Notarization Requirement

Do not sign the affidavit until you are in the presence of a notary.

The affidavit on Page 7 must be signed by the applicant and notarized before the completed application is submitted. The affidavit affirms, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, the accuracy of the lineage and the Patriot's honorable record.

Page 8: Addendum

The Addendum provides additional space for source citations, additional generations, Patriot service details, explanations of conflicting information, or other information necessary to document your lineage.

For each citation, clearly identify the generation and individual supported by the source.

Example: Generation 5 – Mary Ann Smith: Virginia Death Certificate No. XXXX, naming John Smith and Sarah Jones as parents.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Submit supporting evidence with your application, arranged in genealogical order as much as possible, beginning with the most recent generation and working backward toward the Patriot. Label supporting documents by citing the generation they support (e.g., Gen 3), or PS for Patriot Service, in the upper right corner.

Verified applications from other lineage societies may be acceptable as supporting documentation. In the reference line for each generation, cite the society (e.g., C.A.R.), your member number in that society, and your Patriot Ancestor's identifying number, if applicable. Note that we may require additional supporting evidence and will notify you if that is the case.

Applicants must submit a copy of their unamended, certified birth certificate (BC).

If mailing via USPS, please submit copies rather than irreplaceable original records. Supporting documents will be destroyed after membership is verified.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

The application form is designed for letter-size (8½" x 11") paper, and there are two available methods to submit it:

Email: Scan the completed, signed, and notarized application, plus supporting documentation and BC, into .pdf files and attach them to an email to: stateregistrar@vador1776.org.

US Mail: Submit (1) copy of your completed, signed, and notarized application, plus supporting documentation and BC, printed on white, single-sided, letter-size paper. Request a mailing address from stateregistrar@vador1776.org.

Retain the original of your application for your own records.

Application Fees and Dues

APPLICATION FEE *all members*	
Long-form	$25
Short-form*	$10

The application fee and membership dues must be submitted before the application will be processed.

** available upon request*

ANNUAL DUES	Adult	Darling	Associate
Virginia Society	$30	$10	$10
General Society	$35	$0	$0
annual dues total	$65	$10	$10

Payment Methods

To pay with Zelle®, scan the QR code or add recipient statetreasurer @vador1776.org in your banking app:

-OR-

Send a personal check made out to VADOR1776

- If application is mailed via USPS, include your check with your application.
- If application is emailed, contact statetreasurer@vador1776.org for a mailing address for your check.

General Society No.:_____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

Descended from Patriot Ancestor: _____

Membership Class *(check one)*: ____ Adult ____ Junior (Darling)

The above named applicant is approved for membership in the Virginia Society Daughters of the Revolution 1776.

Dated: _____ Virginia Society Registrar: _____
signature

Approved application registered with the General Society Daughters of the Revolution 1776.

Dated: _____ General Society Registrar: _____
signature

Completed applications are the property of the Society and will remain on file. Supporting documentation will be destroyed after the application is approved.

We welcome your interest in our society and encourage you to view the application process as an integral part of your genealogical research—a fascinating and rewarding look into your own family antecedents.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, _____ hereby apply for membership in the Virginia Society Daughters of the Revolution 1776 by right of descent from _____who was born in _____ on or abt the date of_____ and during his/her service in support of American independence was a resident of *(town & state)* _____ and died in _____ on the date of _____.

Specific services during the Revolutionary War includes:

Service: Give dates and particulars of service performed between 19 April 1775 and 19 April 1783. If military, provide rank, company, regiment, state, and the names of the captain and colonel that he served under, any military actions in which his regiment participated during his period of service, if known. Provide details of non-military, civilian support. Use addendum for additional space.

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Proof of Service: Cite name, volume, and page numbers of printed authorities for service, and file certified copies of any manuscripts, documents, or unpublished records proving service. Use addendum for additional space.

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CHARACTER REFERENCE *(attach letter)*

Name of reference: _____

Address: _____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

Relationship or association with applicant: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND TRUTHFULNESS

I hereby affirm that the sex assigned to me at birth was female. I further certify that all information contained in this application and all statements, documents, and representations submitted in support of my application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the VADOR1776 relies upon the truthfulness of the information submitted in determining eligibility for membership.

I understand and agree that if any information contained in this application, or any statement or representation made in connection with my application, is determined to be untrue or materially false, my application will not be processed. If any such information is determined to be untrue or materially false after membership has been conferred, I understand and agree that my membership shall be revoked and I will be dismissed from the Society in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application and the accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Society may require additional documentation or clarification to determine my eligibility. I further declare upon honor that, if admitted, I will promote the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and, if a citizen of the United States, that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Dated: _____ Applicant: _____
signature

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Applicant name: _____

Examined and verified by: _____ Date: _____
signature of Registrar

APPROVED BY VIRGINIA SOCIETY ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____

_____ _____
printed name / title *signature*

_____ _____
printed name / title *signature*

_____ _____
printed name / title *signature*

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF:

_____
full name of the applicant (first/middle/last)

State: _____ County: _____

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE VIRGINIA DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION 1776

1. I, the applicant, was born in _____ on _____
DoB (DD Mon YYYY)

Wife of: _____ born in _____ on _____
husband's full name *place of birth* *DoB (DD Mon YYYY)*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD (DD Mon YYYY)*

married at _____ on _____
place of marriage *date of marriage*

References: _____

2. That she, _____, is the biological daughter of

_____ born in _____ on _____
father's name — Gen 2 (first, middle, last) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
mother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

3. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
grandfather's name — Gen 3 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

4. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
great-grandfather's name — Gen 4 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

5. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
2nd great-grandfather's name — Gen 5 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
2nd great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

6. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
3rd great-grandfather's name — Gen 6 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
3rd great-grandmother's name *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

7. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
4th great-grandfather's name — Gen 7 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
4th great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

8. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
5th great-grandfather's name — Gen 8 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
5th great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

9. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
6th great-grandfather's name — Gen 9 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
6th great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

10. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
7th great-grandfather's name — Gen 10 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
7th great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

11. That the said, _____, is the child of

_____ born in _____ on _____
8th great-grandfather's name — Gen 11 *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

married at _____ on _____, and his wife,
place of marriage *date of marriage*

_____ born in _____ on _____
8th great-grandmother's name (first, middle, maiden) *place of birth* *DoB*

died at _____ on _____
place of death *DoD*

References: _____

Further, I _____ affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts presented in this application are true and that my Patriot Ancestor named herein never adhered to the enemy nor failed to maintain an honorable record throughout the Revolutionary War. I also affirm that I have not applied for and failed admis-sion to this or any other Chapter or State Society of the Daughters of the Revolution 1776.

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State/Commonwealth of _____

County/City of _____

Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by

_____
applicant's name

_____
Notary Public's signature

Notary registration no.: _____ Commission expires: _____

ADDENDUM: (For citations of proof, please identify the generation and individual each citation is intended to support.)