

2009-2010 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 **Reflections of Independence** Honorable Mention Certificate.

Awards are based upon the responses received on this form. 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 judges to evaluate your entry properly. **No photo albums or videos allowed. No electronic media submissions allowed. Entries are limited to 75 numbered pages (double-sided sheets count as two pages) excluding newsletters and copy of Treasurer's Report**

PLEASE ATTACH COMPLETE DETAILS! AFFIRMATIVE ANSWERS WILL BE VERIFIED!

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, and C must be answered "Yes." All but two of the remaining sections must be answered "Yes."
HONORABLE MENTION	All entries will receive a certificate.

Deadline	Mail to:
This report with all attachments must be postmarked on or before March 3, 2010 . To have entry returned, enclose a \$20 check made payable to N.S.C.A.R.	Joanne E. Zumbrun, Senior National Chairman, National Merit Award 5302 Indian Shores Lane Houston, TX 77041-4298

NAME OF SOCIETY _____	STATE _____
Number of members as of 03/01/09 _____	as of 2/28/10 _____
Number of members pending _____	_____

A. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS
ALL parts must be answered "Yes." GIVE DETAILS ON SEPARATE SHEET(S).
 Did your society:

- Attach a list** of all C.A.R. events held by your society?
GIVE DETAILS ON A SEPARATE SHEET. Tip: Keep records throughout the year including dates, events, description of activities, and number of participants – members, prospective members, seniors, and others. _____
- Hold at least **six** business meetings following C.A.R. Ritual? _____
- Have at least one program on the **National President's Program**? _____
- Present a program or have a project on at least **six** of these national committees from the **Reflections of Independence** National Program Packet? _____
 ___ American Heritage ___ Conservation ___ Membership ___ C.A.R. Magazine & Newsletters
 ___ American History ___ Government Studies ___ Mountain Schools ___ Endowment Fund
 ___ American Indian ___ Kids Helping Kids ___ Patriotic Education ___ Public Relations
- Invite a state officer other than a member of your society to attend a meeting? _____

B. MEMBERSHIP **Both parts must be answered "Yes."**

- Were **ALL** national dues and the Senior Society President's fee paid and postmarked on or before 1/1/10? _____
- 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
 Did at least 75% of your families, including National and Life Promoters and senior fee, receive the *C.A.R. Magazine*? _____
 What % received the magazine? _____
Attach a complete copy of your 2010 Treasurer's Report and a list of other magazine recipients.

D. NET GAIN **Transfers in and out do not count for or against a net gain.**
 Did your society have a **net gain** in membership? _____

E. LIFE MEMBERSHIP One part 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 requirements of the C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters contest? _____

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS All parts must be answered "Yes." ATTACH DETAILS.

Did your society:

1. Involve the DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. in **Reflections of Independence**? _____
2. Use the World Wide Web 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 **Reflections of Independence** National Program Packet? Include those contests which are judged according to C.A.R. National Headquarters records.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National President (Required) | <input type="checkbox"/> National Corresponding Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National First Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> National Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> American History | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Second Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> National Registrar | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Helping Kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> National Assistant Registrar | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Recording Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> National Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Organizing Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> National Librarian | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Assistant Organizing Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> National Curator | <input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Magazine Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Advisory |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Patriotic Education Program |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans |

I. MOUNTAIN AND AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOOLS

Did your society donate to **at least** one mountain or American Indian school? Send donations directly to the schools. _____

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 02/28/10.

Both parts must be answered "Yes."

1. Did your society make a minimum \$5 donation to at least ten of the following?		2. Did your society receive credit for at least one of the following? Attach list.	
Archival Preservation Fund	\$ _____	At least four National Promoters (\$25 each)	\$ _____
Centennial Fund	\$ _____	At least two Apple Slice Pins (Museum Fund & The Children's Room) (\$50 each)	\$ _____
Equipment Fund	\$ _____	At least two Voyager Fund Pins (\$50 each)	\$ _____
Library Fund	\$ _____	Endowment Fund Pin (\$100)	\$ _____
Life Promoter Fund	\$ _____	Golden Apple Pin (\$100) only available until 6/30/2011	\$ _____
Magazine Fund	\$ _____	Golden Apple Pin with diamond chip (\$200) only available until 6/30/2011	\$ _____
Museum Fund	\$ _____	Library Fund Pin (\$100)	\$ _____
National Endowment Fund	\$ _____	Life Promoter (\$100)	\$ _____
National President's Program (Required)	\$ _____	Magazine Fund Pin (\$100)	\$ _____
Niebell Endowment Fund	\$ _____	Golden Anniversary Endowment Fund Pin (\$150) no longer available	\$ _____
Operating Fund	\$ _____	Archival Preservation Spoon (limited edition of 200) (\$200)	\$ _____
Pouch Legacy Fund	\$ _____	Veterans Tribute (\$200) no longer available	\$ _____
Sesquicentennial Fund	\$ _____	Harriett Lothrop Medallion (Operating Fund) (\$300)	\$ _____
Veterans Fund	\$ _____	Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple Pin and Plaque (\$1,000)	\$ _____
Voyager Fund	\$ _____		

Society President's Name (printed) and Signature

Address

City, State, ZIP + 4@ Code

E-mail address and/or telephone number

Senior Society President's Name (printed) and Signature

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