



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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2026 DAR “American Revolution Legacy Grant” FAQs

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT?

- The Daughters of the American Revolution is offering PreK-16 teachers and administrators “American Revolution Legacy Grants” that support educational initiatives or student programs (for young and old), enhance student academic performance, and reward creative approaches to support higher levels of student learning.

WHEN WILL THE 2026 GRANT CYCLE BEGIN?

- Application Opens: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
- Due Date: FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026, AT 11:59 PM PST

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

- Applications must be submitted electronically via the DAR Scholarship Committee Online Application Submission Portal (<https://dar.academicworks.com/>).
- Complete the online application no later than January 30, 2026, **including** electronic acknowledgements of the principal/supervisor **and** Chapter Regent or the Community Classroom Committee Chair.
- You are strongly encouraged to begin this process by completing the Application Aid and formulating your essay answers to every question prior to entering the portal. The electronic application is a one-time-use questionnaire and you must complete the entire application once you begin. Your progress cannot be saved. Be prepared.

WHAT ARE THE GRANT GUIDELINES:?

- The programs/initiatives in the 2026 application must be executed during the 2026-27 school year.
- Maximum grant amount: \$5,000 per application.
- Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials, parent involvement programs, or any activity or material which connects to the legacy of the American Revolution and supports higher levels of student academic achievement.
- The awards must be used for the purposes intended.
- Winning grants will be for new projects/initiatives that focus on the theme of “Shining Light On The Classroom: Honoring Our Legacy of the American Revolution.”
- All grant requests should focus on a project, not a purchase. For example, DAR would consider funding for programs like a school musical, a grade level field trip to a museum, or a science fair centered on how Revolutionary-era inventions continue to improve modern societies; or an initiative like a school-wide history club, a campus History-Bee, or a district-wide traveling American Revolution exhibit. DAR will not fund salaries/stipends, furniture or classroom sets of Chromebooks/iPads.

- When creating your program/project budget, research carefully and be realistic. Small grants are just as likely to be awarded as large grants. Partial funding will be considered so please include other funding sources if applicable.
- Up to 20 grants will be awarded during the 2026 grant program (for use during the 2026-27 school year). The final number and dollar amount of awards will depend upon the quality of applications received and on funds available from DAR. Monies would be awarded no later than May 1, 2026 (to occur in proximity to National Teacher Appreciation Week 2026).
- Chapters are allowed one submission/application.
- Grant recipients may only receive one grant during the Storage administration, which includes the following academic years: 2026-2027; 2027-2028; 2028-2029.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Employees of a school district, community college district, or accredited university, college, vocational, or trade school who are involved in the instruction of PreK-16 students, continuing education, or related support services are eligible to apply. Applications will be reviewed by committee and recommendations will be made to the DAR National Chair of the Community Classroom Committee for final approval. Applicants will be notified by email of decisions by the Committee Classroom Committee.
- Employees of the DAR School and DAR Approved Schools—are not eligible to apply for this program.

WHAT SELECTION CRITERIA IS USED TO AWARD GRANT FUNDS?

- The degree to which the application supports the 2026 DAR American Revolution Legacy Grants theme of “Shining Light On The Classroom: Honoring Our Legacy of the American Revolution.”
- The degree to which the proposal represents a creative or innovative approach to the accomplishment of grant program objectives.
- The degree to which the proposal is clear and logical, including (a) specificity of objectives; (b) clarity of description of instructional procedures, methods, or treatments; and (c) correspondence among evaluative procedures, objectives, and treatments.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED?

- The program/project must be fully implemented, and the final report must be submitted to the DAR Community Classroom Committee complete and on-time (no later than May 1, 2026).
- Grant recipients must agree to share photos and project summaries for use in future DAR programs and promotional materials.

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Applications Open for Legacy Grant
 2026-2027 – October 13, 2025
 2027-2028 – October 12, 2026
 2028-2029 – October 11, 2027

Submission Deadline for Legacy Grant
 2026-2027 – January 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST
 2027-2028 – January 29, 2027 at 11:59 PM PST
 2028-2029 – January 28, 2028 at 11:59 PM PST

For information about the application, please contact Deborah Phillips, *National Vice Chair, Community Classroom Committee — DAR American Revolution Legacy Grant Program Applications* at deborahphillipsdar@gmail.com