



Volunteer Genealogist Committee
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The goals of the Volunteer Genealogist Committee are to:

- Promote the Genealogical Education Program (GEP) and increase the number of trainees
- Promote the Registrars Course, established in January 2020 and increase the number of trainees
- Increase the number of workshops given by DAR trained Volunteer Genealogists to prospectives, DAR members and the public; increase the number of participants in each
- Decrease the number of Pre-Verification and Additional Information Required (AIR) letters on application and supplemental applications in order to expedite approvals
- Select and honor an annual Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist for the state of Kansas
- Provide training to Chapters on current standards of verification for applications
- Assist chapters in need, by assigning a Volunteer Genealogist or referrals to the America 250! or Lineage Research Committee
- Educate members on the training necessary to become a Volunteer Genealogist (VG) or Volunteer Field Genealogist (VFG) and what requirements must be met for the beautiful insignia pins for these designations

Genealogy Education Programs (GEP)

Are you ready to take your genealogy skills to the next level? The NSDAR Genealogy Department has created and maintains three Genealogical Education Programs (GEP 1, GEP 2, and GEP 3). The GEP courses provide the most complete and up-to-date information on the proper completion and documentation standards required by the DAR for the verification of applications. The courses are available to all DAR members, and once enrolled you have 90 days to complete each course. These courses are recommended for Chapter leaders, especially Registrars, and all those who wish to be able to help other Chapters in their State, as well as serve the National organization by becoming Balcony Volunteers, Electronic Application Reviewers, Volunteer Genealogists and Volunteer Field Genealogists. GEP 1 and 2 are \$125 and GEP 3 is \$150, the cost of the program is at the expense of the enrollee. There is a fourth class, “DNA and the DAR”, and the cost is \$100. There is no prerequisite for this class. For more information on these programs:

<https://www.dar.org/members/applications-supplementals/genealogy-education-programs-gep>

GEP 6 - Registrars Training Course

In January 2020, a new FREE Registrars Training Course was established for current and incoming Chapter and State Registrars. This is a compilation of the most important lessons from the GEP, as well as a new lesson. This course is highly recommended for all Chapter Registrars. To enroll, email your interest to onlineclasses@dar.org, In the email include, your name, National Number and whether or not you have ever registered for any GEP classes. After successful completion, a “Registrar Bar” is available for purchase from the DAR Insignia Store.



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GEP 5 - eApps: The Beginner's Guide to Electronic Applications

Introduced at Continental Congress in June 2021, this course will provide you with the information needed to prepare and submit an electronic application, or eApp: how to prepare the lineage and documentation, how to navigate the e-membership website, and how to submit your eApp. This course will also focus on the basics of chapter review and Mid-Level Review (MLR) in terms of submitting your eApp. The course fee is \$25 and there are no prerequisites required.

GEP 7 - Mid-Level Review Training Program

Introduced at Continental Congress in June 2021, this training program will provide you with the necessary skills to qualify as a Mid-Level Reviewer (MLR) for Electronic Applications. The course fee is \$10 and there are no prerequisites required.

Kansas State Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist Contest

Each Chapter may nominate one member of their Chapter to be considered for the statewide Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist award. Complete instructions on how to enter this competition are posted to the KSDAR members website, SIP tab, under the Volunteer Genealogist committee section. Deadline for entries is January 31, 2022, and they should be mailed to State Chair Bunnie Bowen at the above address. The winner of this award will be honored at the 2022 April State Conference, will get a certificate, and will be entitled to purchase the prestigious "Volunteer Genealogist of the Year" pin from NSDAR.

Volunteer Genealogists and Volunteer Field Genealogists Pins

Members who have successfully completed GEP 1 and GEP 2 are classified as Volunteer Field Genealogists, and those who have completed GEP 3 are designated as Volunteer Genealogists. There are two beautiful Insignia Pins that have been created for those who have served the Society with their acquired skills. Consult the Members website for eligibility.

