

## What happens when he reaches 18?

When he becomes 18 and elects to activate his membership he should contact a chapter or state society registrar or a membership chairman. That person should advise him to write a "membership activation" letter noting his wish to activate his membership, citing his youth registrant number, and enclosing a check for chapter, state, and national society dues (unless these were prepaid with a life membership fee). The state society will forward a copy of his letter to the national society, which will take the application out of escrow, assign him a membership number, and prepare a membership certificate for presentation by the state society or chapter.

## What happens if he does not join the society at 18?

He may join at any age after 18, but the escrowed youth application expires at age 29. If he does not wish to join, he will not belong to the SAR. His application will not be available for other lineages nor will it be entered in the Patriot Index and if paid, the life membership fee is not refundable.

## What if he joins then stops paying dues?

If he fails to keep his dues current, he will be dropped from the active member roster. If he has paid a national life membership fee it is not refundable to him or to his sponsor.

For further information about the Youth Registration Program and an application form, contact the person whose name appears in the box below:

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## What about life membership?

The youth (or his sponsor) has the option of paying a national youth life membership fee (\$750 in 2003). In that case he will never have to pay national dues. A special additional certificate will be issued to youth who have paid the life membership fee.

## What happens to the national life membership fee?

It is deposited in the Life Membership Permanent Fund so that when the young man becomes a full member of the SAR, sufficient funds will be available to pay his national dues for as long as he remains a member of the SAR. If the youth should die before he becomes 18 and activates his membership his life membership fee remains in the Life Membership Permanent Fund.

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## The Youth Registration Program of the National Society SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

This handout explains the SAR's revised youth program, which will provide us with enthusiastic and pre-approved young members in years to come.

## What is it?

The SAR Youth Registration Program allows an older relative to ensure that, upon attaining the age of 18, a young male relative will be accepted into the SAR with no further documentation required.

## **What documentation is required for application?**

The youth application differs slightly from a regular membership application in that it requires only one sponsor. For the lineage the same rules apply as for a regular membership application -- each link to an earlier generation must be documented, following all the rules and guidelines of a regular application. Often the applicant will be using a previously established SAR or DAR line, in which case the SAR national membership number or a record copy of the DAR application must be included. Any part of the lineage that has not been documented through a previously established line must be supported by birth certificates, marriage certificates, and census records, etc. If he is the son of an SAR member, the father's SAR number and the child's birth certificate are normally all that are needed. The application should be signed by the youth's legal guardian (to attest to the lineage examination statement) and -- if he is old enough to understand the process -- by the youth himself.

## **To whom should the application be submitted?**

It should be processed in the same way as a regular membership application and submitted to the chapter or state society registrar or secretary. After the chapter and state society approve the lineage and documentation, it will be sent to national with the supporting documentation, the check for national fees, and a transmittal form. The state society will keep a copy of the application (not the documentation) for its own files.

## **What does it cost?**

The national application processing fee is the same as for a regular membership application: \$60 if the youth has no SAR relative or \$30 if he is the son, grandson, brother, nephew or grandnephew of a member of the SAR, DAR or SR (in good standing now or at the time of death). There may also be state and/or chapter application fees. No first-year dues are required with the application since the youth will not become a regular member of SAR until he reaches the age of 18.

## **How are the payments handled?**

It is usually most convenient for the applicant to write separate checks for national, state or chapter fees. The check for national fees should be made out to "Treasurer General, NSSAR". These are submitted to the state with the application, and the state society forwards the application (when approved at the state level) and the check for national fees to national headquarters.

## **Is the application actually processed?**

Yes. It's processed just as a regular membership application is and either accepted or rejected by the state society or the national society. Upon acceptance, national issues a youth registrant number and sends a youth registrant certificate for the state society or chapter to present along with a youth registrant pin. The application is placed in an escrow file, and the national society keeps contact information in a follow-up database so that the youth and his sponsor are reminded to apply for activation of membership when the youth

becomes 18 years old. Until activation occurs the registrant will not be counted as a member in national or state statistics and he may not vote or hold office.

## **Are there programs for youth registrants within state societies?**

A state may set up a Youth Registrant program of activities or recommend that the youth join the CAR. A series of activities and contacts will assure that the youth is well-prepared to become a member when he reaches 18.

## **Is he automatically joining the state society in which he applied?**

No, when accepted, he simply becomes a pre-approved youth registrant. When he becomes 18, he may become a regular member of the SAR by requesting (through any state society) activation of his membership. He must pay both state and national dues unless national dues have been prepaid by a life membership fee. No further review of his application is required. The bylaws of the state society that he joins will determine whether or not he is required to join a chapter.

## **What does the youth get?**

A youth registrant certificate comparable to the membership certificate (naming the patriot ancestor), and SAR youth registrant pin, and publication of his name in *The SAR Magazine*.