

## **DAR AMERICA 250! COMMUNITY CELEBRATION GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTION SHEET 2026**

### **WHAT IS A DAR AMERICA 250! COMMUNITY CELEBRATION GRANT?**

These one-time, \$500 chapter grants are designed to help DAR Chapters hold an event in their community to celebrate America 250! in 2026.

A few Celebration examples: Hosting an America 250! birthday party at a school, park, or community center; reading the Declaration of Independence from the courthouse steps; hosting a local library exhibit on the Declaration of Independence and America 250!; donating America 250! books to your local school or library; leading a walking tour of significant events in your community's history that spotlights America 250!; or planting a Liberty Tree in your community. For more ideas, check out the America 250! DOC at: <https://community.dar.org/america-250>

- Grants are for chapters only; however, chapters may pool their grants with other chapters.
- Grants may not be used for the purchase, installation or dedication ceremony of a DAR America 250! Patriot Marker.
- Event must be open to the public and must take place in 2026.
- If approved, chapters may receive one DAR America 250! Community Celebration Grant and one DAR America 250! Patriot Marker Grant, during the Storage Administration.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Grant applications may be submitted at any time. Please allow 30 days for the review and 75 days for the grant funds to be distributed. An After-Action Report following the community event is also required from each grantee and must be received within 45 days following the event. Awardees are encouraged to post their event on the America 250! DOC.

### **THE WRITABLE APPLICATION WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Requesting chapter information, including the chapter's EIN number.
- Description of the event including date, place, desired participants and brief budget for the event.
- Chapter regent's signature.
- The date the event was officially approved by the chapter.

### **AWARD OF GRANT**

Notification of an approved grant is emailed by America 250! Vice Chair following verification of the completeness of the form.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Grant funds will be sent to the Chapter Regent by the Office of the Treasurer General, NSDAR. Please allow 75 days to receive funds via check.

### **QUESTIONS**

The America 250! Vice Chair can be reached at [am250grants@nsdar.org](mailto:am250grants@nsdar.org) for any questions.