



Illinois State Organization
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The Americanism Committee's objective is "to promote knowledge, loyalty, and love of country among Americans, whether naturalized citizens or citizens by birth." All chapters and members are encouraged to participate by identifying those in their communities who are preparing for the naturalization process, by encouraging these individuals, and by assisting them as they study to become citizens of the United States of America.

The DAR Manual for Citizenship is a study guide for naturalization. It is located on the Americanism Committee website. Illinois Daughters are encouraged to celebrate the culmination of the naturalization process by attending naturalization ceremonies to share in the celebration of their achievements. Chapters can communicate with the U.S. District Courts in their locations to coordinate hosting "Welcome New Citizen" receptions and presenting patriotic gift bags.

The Americanism Committee oversees the awarding of two medals: the DAR Medal of Honor and the DAR Americanism Medal. DAR members are not eligible for these medals.

The **DAR Medal of Honor** is one of the most prestigious honors awarded by the Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR. This medal is presented to an adult who is a United States citizen by birth who has exhibited extraordinary qualities of citizenship beyond employment duties (including military service). The recipients must have given of themselves in the categories of community, state, country, and fellow humanity.

The **DAR Americanism Medal** is presented to an adult who has been a naturalized citizen for at least five years. First, the nominee must exhibit the qualities of an outstanding American, and second, must assist other non-citizens to gain citizenship in the United States of America. Please see the National Information Packet, page 30, for further guidance.

The Americanism Recognition by DAR Chapters & State Organization certificate encourages chapters to recognize the patriotic and civic volunteer service of individuals or groups. This recognition is managed at the chapter and/or state level. A writable certificate is available on the Americanism website. Details for making nominations for these awards are also located under Americanism Committee forms-certificates:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/americanism/forms-certificates>

In 2025-2026, the Americanism Committee is promoting the "**Citizen Challenge**" to encourage DAR members to complete the Naturalization Test: USCIS Civics (History and Government) Questions for the Naturalization Test: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/questions-and-answers/100q.pdf>

As we "**Educate, Celebrate, America 250!**" chapters can also host programs emphasizing citizenship. Programs can be in DAR settings, schools, or other communities. Visit the Illinois SIP website for further information to assist these new citizens!