

**Illinois State Organization
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Community Service Awards

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Community Service Awards provide a unique opportunity for chapters to give non-competitive recognition to worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding voluntary service in the community. Each chapter may present 2 awards per NSDAR year (Jan 1—Dec 31). Community Service Awards are for recognition of service activities outside of DAR. DAR members are eligible so long as the recognized service is not related to their DAR activities. Community Service Awards are not contests. There is no competitive judging on any level.

Qualifications for the Award

- Contributions to the community are made in an outstanding manner through voluntary heroic, civic, or benevolent service, or by organizing or participating in community activities.
- Service must have taken place within the past 5 years with no compensation.
- Awards may not be presented to a recipient more than one time, and the recipient may not receive more than one NSDAR award for the same accomplishments.
- Recognition may not be initiated or approved posthumously.



Important steps for chapters that would like to give a Community Service Award

1. Identify a recipient (an individual or organization). Watch for noteworthy actions in local media and on social media to look for community members who are doing great things!
2. Ensure the support of your chapter leaders and members. Your chapter may wish to solicit suggestions from members and/or vote on the recipient – make it an interactive experience!
3. Complete the *Recommendation for Community Service Award* (Form CSA-1000). The form is available on the Illinois State Organization NSDAR's members' website, in DAR's [National Information Packet](#) and in the [Committee Resources](#). (If you have difficulty locating the form, you may also reach out to Nikki, and she would be happy to email you a copy.)
4. Gather documentation (up to 8 pages) of the recipient's service. For example:
 - A detailed description of the service
 - News articles
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Links to media coverage
5. Email Form CSA-1000 and copies of the documentation to DARBravman@gmail.com.
6. Nikki will acknowledge receipt of your email within 24 hours. If you do not hear from her within that time, please call or text her at (312) 929-5391 to ensure she received it. She will review the documentation and provide documentation of approval.
7. Once approved, order the award from the DAR Store: <https://shop.dar.org/community-service-award/>. You will see a button to upload the approved application. Consider ordering a DAR certificate document jacket or purchasing a frame from your favorite craft store.
8. Illuminate the service of the recipient by spotlighting their service through local media, social media, or at a chapter meeting or event. Be sure to keep copies of any press releases, news stories, social media posts, etc., for your Chapter Master Report (CMR). Your chapter can count the activity for this committee and for the Public Relations and Media Committee!

Community Service Awards may be given at any time of the year. If you would like to include an award in the CMR covering 2025, please submit it to Nikki no later than December 5, 2025.