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Genealogy is a Team Sport!

The Volunteer Genealogist Committee is responsible for:

- Promoting the Registrars Course – free to all chapter registrars and strongly encouraged
- Promoting the Genealogy Education Program (GEP)
- Increase the number of workshops given by DAR trained Volunteer Genealogists
- Decrease the number of Pre-Verification and Additional Information Required (AIR) letters on applications
- 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 by assigning a Volunteer Genealogist, helping refer a difficult application to the Application Task Force or Lineage Research Committee,
- Educate members on becoming a Volunteer Genealogist (VG) or Volunteer Field Genealogist (VFG)

Genealogy Education Programs (GEP)

The NSDAR Genealogy Department has created four Genealogy Education Programs (GEP 1, 2, 3 and 4). These GEP courses provide the most complete and up-to-date information on the proper completion and documentation standards required by the DAR. The courses are available to DAR members, and you have 90 days to complete each course. These GEP courses cost $75. For more information on these programs: https://www.dar.org/members/applications-supplementals/genealogy-education-programs-gep

GEP 6 - Registrars Training Course

DAR offers a free Registrars Training Course for current and incoming Chapter Registrars who are expected to complete this course. This is a compilation of the most important lessons from the GEP courses, as well as a new lesson. To enroll, email your interest to onlineclasses@dar.org, and in the email include, your name, national number and whether or not you have ever registered for any GEP classes.

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

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.

GEP 7 - Mid-Level Review (MLR)Training Program

This $10 course will provide you with the necessary skills to qualify as a MLR for Electronic Applications.

GEP 8 - Supplemental Applications

This course provides the information needed to prepare and submit a Supplemental Application according to current DAR procedures. This course includes an overview of how to identify a line, evaluate lineage documentation, and how to research complex lineages. The course also discusses researching Revolutionary War residence and acceptable service.

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, 2025, and they should be mailed to the State Chair. The winner will be honored at the 2025 April State Conference.