

Community Classroom Committee

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The Chapter Community Classroom Committee's purpose is twofold: 1) to encourage daughters to volunteer and provide additional support to children in classrooms and schools in their own communities, 2) to provide sound lesson plans rich in historical facts, enabling teachers to relay the story of the development of the United States. Chapter Committee Classroom Chairs are encouraged to assist their chapters in adopting classrooms or schools to provide time and/or financial support. Begin with a teacher in your chapter or a teacher or principal you know. Chapter JAC Chairs, the DAR Good Citizen Chair, and the American History Chair also have contacts within your community schools. Ask the teacher or principal what assistance would be helpful in their classroom or school setting.

For more information on the Community Classroom Committee, go to:

www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/community-classroom/community-classroom-committee-home

You can read about volunteer activities, how to get started volunteering, The DAR American Revolution Legacy Grant Program which offers Prek-16 teachers and administrators "American Revolution Legacy Grants" that support educational initiatives or student programs (for young and old), enhance student academic performance and reward creative approaches to support higher levels of student learning. Included are Guidelines, application musts, eligibility to apply and eligible application and section criteria. For information about the application please contact Holly Hornsby Becker, National Vice Chair, Community Classroom Committee at hhbeckerdar@gmail.com BE SURE to share photos and success stories by sending them to me at the email address above, include your volunteer hours in the Service to America tally, and ensure your chapter officers know to include it in the Chapter Master Report!

Examples of volunteer ideas:

Preschool through Third Grade

- Provide backpacks, flags, and flag codes.
- Introduce the teachers to the NSDAR Educational Resource Committee to provide grade appropriate electronic lessons plans (NOTE: This is member-accessible only.)
- Provide basic supplies for children who do not have pencils, erasers, crayons, etc. through the equivalent "Box of Sunshine" program set up by your chapter.

Fourth through Eighth Grade

- Do a presentation on the Constitution and Bill of Rights to Classrooms during Constitution Week, September 17-23, and distribute Preamble bookmarks.

- Provide a lesson during Presidents Week, Black History Month, or Woman's History Month. Wear period clothing to present the lesson.
- Provide an extra hand in classroom projects.

High School

- Volunteer in the library, computer lab, science lab, office, or cafeteria.
- Work with local businesses to provide financial support for school activities.
- Chapters may want to provide scholarships.

Each chapter may submit one **Success Story** picture and article (no more than 130 words) to me for approval to be included on the NSDAR Community Classroom Committee page. The pictures and articles must depict the volunteer(s) providing a service to a classroom or school. Always be sure to include a signed permission form to release a student photo (link below). For more information go to the Community Classroom Committee page and click on Success Stories in the right-hand navigation box.



Submit YOUR Lesson Plans!

www.dar.org/edu

Education is one of the main missions of DAR. Good educators continually seek new lesson plans that will enable them to provide quality instruction based on core curriculum and state standards. One of the goals of the **Community Classroom Committee** is to offer electronic teacher-created lesson plans to be shared with others.

We have created and are growing an online repository of lessons for the K-12 educational community which focus on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, social studies as well as other topics.

We invite student teachers to submit lessons to DAR! You can participate in this important project to make valuable contributions as you develop your craft of learning current instruction methods and lesson

plan construction. **The submission process is simple!** Submit the cover sheet and lesson plan template found at www.dar.org/edu. Lessons can be based on common core national standards or individual state standards.

We recognize the vital role that teacher training programs play in developing quality education for our nation's children. This would be a great opportunity to publish and share work. Each student teacher who submits an accepted plan will receive a letter of commendation from the DAR.

Spread the word about this new resource to other student teachers in your program and encourage each of them to submit a lesson plan as a professional development opportunity and as a way to be a part of building a national resource for teachers!

The Educational Resources Committee was established to electronically provide lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as related language and/or math topics. Lesson plans may be submitted by DAR members or by the public for use in schools, by clubs, or other interested groups. To find the flyers and information on lesson plans, go to:

www.dar.org/members/committees/educational-resources



For more information contact educationalresources@nsdar.org

Photo Release Form link:

www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/NSDAR-1000.pdf