



Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

App Version: 2024-2026
Do not use this application after June 1, 2026

APPLICATION FEES

Annual Membership:

18 and older

Dues (refunded if not able to join): \$30 annually
Application Fee (not refunded): \$25
TOTAL = \$55 payable to "DVF"

Under the age of 18 (Junior member)

Dues (refunded if not able to join): \$10 annually
Application Fee (not refunded): \$25
TOTAL = \$35 payable to "DVF"

Life Membership:

Application Fee (not refunded): \$25
Life Membership Fee is \$350.00 with less than 10 years paid membership. For more information, please visit our website on the Membership Page: valleyforgesociety.com
TOTAL = \$375 payable to "DVF"

Supplemental Application:

\$25 payable to "DVF"

Before signing and mailing anything, please review the application checklist. Email the application and supporting documents to Sharon Mayne Withers, Commissary General of Musters, smwithers@twc.com. DVF reviews and preapproves the application before you mail anything.

After the DVF CGM approves your application, the printed, signed application top page and appropriate fees must be mailed to:

Sharon Mayne Withers
2792 Ashbrooke Drive
Lexington, KY 40513.

Questions?
Contact Carole Cornell
DVF Membership Chair
ccornell1234@verizon.net

APPLICATION NOTES

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the application's being returned to the applicant for revision. All applications must be computer generated. Please use the DVF Application Checklist to ensure accuracy.

Eligibility for Membership:

Any person of any age, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background who can prove direct lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution who wintered at Valley Forge during the period of December 19, 1777 – June 19, 1778 is eligible for membership. Members under the age of 18 are called Junior members.

Formatting the Information:

The correct format for entering dates is: dd mmm yy
Ex: 1 Jan 1900 NOT: 1/Jan/1900 or 01/01/1900

The correct format for entering places is: city or twp county state
Ex: Washington Washington Co PA NOT: Washington Washington PA

Printing the Form:

The form must be printed on one side of white 8.5" x 11" paper.

Preparing the Proof for Each Generation:

- Copies of all documentation should be clear and readable.
- Acceptable sources may include, but are not limited to, birth or baptismal records, death records, wills, probate records.
- Transcribe all handwritten proof. Submit both the transcription and the proof.
- Underline all pertinent names, facts, and dates with red pencil, indicating the appropriate generations (G1, G2, etc.) Example shown to the right.
- **Do not use staples.** If you feel you must group documents together, such as a 3-page will, use paper clips.

IVB 2003-2004-7.49 (For this certificate, \$1.00)
This is to Certify, That the following is a correct certification of birth as filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Health.
APR 24 1945
Primary Dist. No. 147
1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County Allegheny
Township W. Bradford
Borough
City
2. Full name of child Rose Anna Synoboda 3. Sex Female 4. Date of birth Sept 28 1886
5. Name of father Joseph Synoboda 6. Maiden name of mother Anna Wilgocko
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was 5a. m. on the date above stated.
(Here give address)
Do not accept this certification unless the raised seal of the Department of Health is affixed hereon.
(Signed) Mary J. Bonty M.D.
Address 714-6-18
Filed 9-29-46 J.D. Jones Registrar

Preparing the Proof for Service at Valley Forge:

Proof of service at Valley Forge during the period of December 19, 1777 – June 19, 1778 must be furnished. If the patriot is on the official “[Muster Roll](http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/muster.asp)” (<http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/muster.asp>) then that may be used as proof of service as long as it can be proven that the patriot on the muster roll is *the* patriot on the application. For example, there are two privates names Asa Smith from Massachusetts on the muster roll. It is required to prove the ancestor's correct identity. This muster roll is not comprehensive, so applicants may often prove a new patriot to join.

Using Other Lineage Society Applications as Proof:

Proven information from applications from the following lineage societies have been approved for use as proof for any generation on the application as long as acceptable proof was provided for the information on that application:

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, National Society Sons of the Revolution, The Society of the Cincinnati, Jamestowne Society, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, The Colonial Dames of America, National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, General Society of Colonial Wars

Please provide a record copy of the approved lineage society application with the DVF application and cite it as the source where applicable.



Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge

Membership Application

**Membership
Number:**

DVF Use Only

Mr. ____ Mrs. ____ Ms. ____ Miss ____ Dr. ____ Rev. ____ Other ____

Name ____
(First Name) (Middle and Maiden Name) (Last Name)

Residence ____
(Number) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code + 4)

Applicant's Email Address ____ Phone: (____) ____

Name as you wish it to appear on DVF Certificate ____

ANCESTOR'S RECORD OF SERVICE AT VALLEY FORGE:

Ancestor who served at Valley Forge between December 19, 1777—June 19, 1778 ____

Rank and Unit and/or service performed ____

Source citation(s) of acceptable proof for Rank and Unit and/or service performed ____

Date of Death ____ Place of Burial ____

NOTE: Proof of soldier's service at Valley Forge Encampment must be enclosed. This includes such documentation as the "Muster Roll," "Pension Affidavit," or some other acceptable record.

ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE: *From the Bylaws*

"Applicants for membership shall submit a completed copy of the Society's lineage form, detailing their descent from an officer or enlisted man who served in a military unit under the direct command of General George Washington while he and they were headquartered at Valley Forge between December 19, 1777 and June 19, 1778. Applicants shall provide sufficient documentation and proof not only for their qualifying ancestor but also for the vital statistics of the succeeding generations including their own. The application shall be directed to the Commissary-General of Musters, accompanied by an application fee as set by the Society, and dues for the first year of membership."

Applicant further says that the said ____ (name of ancestor) is his or her ancestor and that the statements set forth are true to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant ____ Date ____

Approved by Commissary-General of Musters

Date

Before signing and mailing anything, please **email** the application and supporting documents to Sharon Mayne Withers, DVF Commissary-General of Musters, smwithers@twc.com. **DVF reviews and verifies the application before anything is mailed.**

Requested printed materials and appropriate fees must be mailed to:

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2792 Ashbrooke Drive
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Received

FEE PAID

Check #

The application, information thereon, and supplemental data become the property of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

A check or money order in the amount of \$55 must accompany this completed Membership Application Form. See the alternative application fees if the applicant is either under the age of 18, desires Life Membership, or is pursuing a Supplemental Application.

All checks are payable to **DVF**.

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LINEAGE

1. (applicant's birth name as found on birth certificate) _____ declare

I was born on _____	at _____
married on _____	at _____
to _____	born on _____
at _____	died or divorced _____
(2) married on _____	at _____
to _____	born on _____
at _____	died or divorced _____

I am the biological child of

2. _____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

3. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

4. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

5. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

6. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

7. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

8. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

9. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

10. The said _____ *was the biological child of*

_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
		at _____

REFERENCES

Give below the citations of sources for proof of EACH statement of birth, marriage, and death dates and places; and the connection from the applicant through the generation of the Patriot Ancestor. Vital records should be cited as BC, MC, DC, etc. Published authorities should be cited by title, author, date of publication, volume and page. Vital records and other sources found on the internet must have a complete citation, such as IN, Marriage Recs, Shelby, 1909–1911 Vol 20, Ancestry; Death Register, Clarke Co, 1853–1896 FHL #2056978; TS Photo, Findagrave, Mem #12345678.

1st Gen.

2nd Gen.

3rd Gen.

4th Gen.

5th Gen.

6th Gen.

7th Gen.

8th Gen.

9th Gen.

10th Gen.

LINEAGE (Continued—Use only if you need more than 10 generations)

11. The said _____	_____	was the biological child of
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
_____	_____	at _____
12. The said _____	_____	was the biological child of
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
_____	_____	at _____
13. The said _____	_____	was the biological child of
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
_____	_____	at _____
14. The said _____	_____	was the biological child of
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
_____	_____	at _____
15. The said _____	_____	was the biological child of
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	and his (1st _____) wife
_____	born _____	at _____
died at _____	on _____	Married—Date _____
_____	_____	at _____

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11th Gen.

12th Gen.

13th Gen.

14th Gen.

15th Gen.

MY REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR WAS MARRIED (This section is optional)

1st to _____	at _____	date _____
2nd to _____	at _____	date _____
3rd to _____	at _____	date _____

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR (This section is optional)

As Proven by: _____

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date/Place of Birth</u>	<u>To whom married, noting if married more than once</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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