



Chapter Achievement Award

Revision

Explanation of the 2011-2012 CAA Form

Let's look at the revised form!

- There are no changes to Sections 1 and 2. National dues are to be paid on time. Each chapter can attain this goal and earn an immediate 40 chapter achievement points. It takes careful and deliberate action on the part of the chapter treasurer to collect all dues prior to December 1. Additionally, each chapter must set a goal of attaining 2 new members each year to offset any transfers, resignations or deaths which may occur. Your state Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission can assist you in identifying ways to accomplish this. However, it will take effort on the part of the chapter members themselves to implement any changes or initiatives. The Commission cannot do the work for you.
- Section 3 - Financial contributions in support of DAR mission and objectives. Look at the words found in our national Bylaws. This organization was founded on the principles of preserving our history, providing for education and promoting patriotism. Did our Founders define HOW this was to be accomplished? No. Look at our history. As times changed, our organization adapted and quickly learned how to meet those goals. Do we today carry out these goals in the same way that Daughters of a generation or two ago did? Again, the answer is "No." Funding for HOW we carry out these goals has become more important. The way in which our foremothers provided the initial financial wherewithal to establish and operate this Organization has changed from the way that our Society of today needs to operate.

Chapter achievement financial contributions will now support the missions of the National Society in an unrestricted manner within each mission category. That is to say, DAR committees will be funded as they have been in the past -- with Executive approval.

For chapter achievement goals, a maximum of 135 points can be earned for making minimum contributions totaling \$75 to the four mission areas of historic, educational, patriotic and membership/administrative. This is the same minimum financial amount that a chapter would have contributed under last year's form in order to earn the maximum number of chapter achievement points.

- Here is the comparison between the **old** CAA Form and the **new** CAA Form:

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Last year's Sec. 3 - \$45	50 pts. for chapter contributions
Last year's Sec. 4 - \$14	14 pts. for additional chapter contributions
Last year's Sec. 5 - \$16	37 pts. for financial contributions to DAR and Indian Schools
Last year's Sec. 8 -	34 pts. for points earned for making Sec. 3-5 financial contributions
TOTAL :	\$75 135 pts.

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Sec. 3 Historic -	\$25	
Sec. 3 Educational -	\$25	
Sec. 3 Patriotic -	\$ 5	
Sec 3 Membership/Administrative	\$20	
TOTAL:	\$75	135 pts. for chapter contributions

- Sec. 4: DAR Magazine. No changes from last year. Contributions for advertising in the DAR Magazine and urging members to subscribe are important goals.
- Sec. 5: Optional Individual and Chapter Contributions. Chapters and individual member contributions are now made through the Development Office. Chapters making their President General's Project assessment contributions will now receive chapter achievement credit in Section 5 for item R if those contributions are a minimum of \$100. Individuals making minimum contributions through the Development Office will also earn points for the chapter.
- Sec. 6: National Defense: No changes. Continue to include three minutes on a national defense topic at each regular business meeting of your chapter. Download the National Defender from the national members' website: www.members.dar.org
- Sec. 7: Chapter Service and Activities. More committees /funds have been added to this list.

Please note: minimum financial contributions made to the 4 objective areas in Section 3 will no longer earn your chapter automatic chapter achievement points in Section 7. Additionally, chapters must indicate that they have participated in at least 3 of the 4 primary categories to earn any points in this section. The goal is to encourage chapters to "do." What they do and how they do it is up to the chapters!

Additional committees include:

- Historic Primary Group: Americana Collection or Archives, Friends of the DAR Library, Friends of the DAR Museum, Special Projects-Grants
- Educational Primary Group: Friends of the *American Spirit*, Program on the NSDAR, Resolutions
- Membership/Administrative: Bylaws, Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, Continental Congress, DAR Leadership Training, Units Overseas, Volunteer Information Specialists-Chapter Websites

Two points can be earned for each committee/activity area to the maximum of 128 points.

- Sec. 8: Schools. Financial contributions to the DAR Schools are now made directly to each school. However, funds from the educational objective fund in Section 3 may be directed to the schools after consideration by the Executive Officers as previously described. Box tops, UPC labels and clothing are accepted by the specific DAR Schools as noted. Berry College and Chemawa Indian School **do not** accept any of these items.

Overall, chapters are encouraged to emphasize membership, provide unrestricted financial contributions and to participate in any of an increased number of DAR committees.