

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**Application to the Society of Colonial Wars starts with an application to one of the State Societies. Normally an applicant will seek membership in the Society in the State of his residence. But there is no prohibition against his joining another State Society. Any male person above the age of eighteen years of age, of good moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars, provided he be lineally descended in the male or female line from an ancestor who served under the authority of any of the Colonies which afterward formed the United States, or in the forces of Great Britain which participated with those of the said Colonies in any wars in which the said Colonies were engaged during the period from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607, to the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775. An applicant may not enter the Society upon more than one qualifying ancestor and a qualifying ancestor may be used for admission by any number of descendants. Proof of service as well as all other facts and dates in the application must be documented.**

**A preliminary application must be submitted to the Council for approval. There is a \$85 fee that must accompany the form. The applicant must have two sponsors. If the Council approves the application, a provisional Illinois Number will be issued by the Registrar and a set of forms will be sent to the applicant together with a set of instructions as to how the form should be completed. On completion of these forms, in duplicate, they should be sent to the State Registrar for verification. The Illinois Registrar will then send one set to the Registrar General. If the genealogy is approved, a National Number will be issued. The Registrar General sends his form our National Repository at the University of Baltimore. The other set is kept on file at the state level.**

**Any member wishing to propose a new applicant may obtain the preliminary form from the Membership Chairman or from the Executive Secretary, 847-251-1400. After completion, the proposer should either present the application at the next Council meeting, or have the Membership Chairman or the Registrar perform this task. If an applicant does not have sponsors, the Membership Chairman will attempt to find the same but may require additional information.**

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