



New Members Course Independent Project Ideas 2017-2018

The idea for the Independent Project is simple: to get you involved in DAR. Your Independent Project doesn't have to be complicated or take you lots of time to complete. It is to be FUN!

For ideas on Independent Projects explore the DAR Committee website on the DAR Members' website. Familiarize yourself with the various committees and see if any pique your interest. Perhaps you already have some ideas for a project after completing the various learning modules. Talk to your chapter regent and let her know what you are interested in doing. Perhaps she has a need for a chapter chairman for a committee that interests you or a project that you could undertake.

Here are a couple of ideas to get you started thinking about what you would like to do. Enter one of the many DAR contests and/or become an active volunteer for one of the online projects:

- American Heritage Committee – American Heritage Arts and Crafts Contest
- DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee – Supporting Documentation Online Project
- DAR Museum Outreach Committee – Museum or Correspondent Docent
- Genealogical Records Committee – GRC Every-Name Indexing Project; GRC Bible Catalog Project
- Lineage Research Committee – Lineage Research Lookup Board Volunteer; Cold Closed Cases Project
- Paging – Page at your State Conference or Continental Congress (40 years and under)
- Patriot Records Project – Patriot Records Online Indexing Project
- VIS Committee – Create or maintain a website or Facebook page for your chapter
- Volunteer Genealogist Committee – Complete GEP I & II
- Women's Issues Committee – Women's Issues Essay Contest

Many of the DAR Committees have awards and medals that chapters can present to outstanding individuals in their communities. Do you know anyone that would deserve receiving one of these awards? Talk to your chapter regent about applying for and presenting one of the following awards:

- American Heritage Committee – Women in the Arts Recognition Award
- American History Committee – Women in American History; Student Essay Contests
- Americanism – DAR Medal of Honor; DAR Americanism Medal
- Community Service Committee – Community Service Award
- Conservation Committee – NSDAR Conservation Medal
- DAR Good Citizens Committee – DAR Good Citizens Student Essay Contest
- DAR Scholarship Committee – Promote the DAR scholarships in your community and have your chapter sponsor a scholarship entry
- DAR Service for Veterans Committee - Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award; Other Awards
- Literacy Promotion Committee – Outstanding Service of a DAR Member
- National Defense Committee – Gold ROTC Medal; Bronze ROTC Medal; Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal; DAR Youth Citizenship Medal; DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal
- Office of the Reporter General – Founders Medal (Found under Forms and Publications)

This is just the tip of the iceberg and is by no means complete! Other ideas could include sponsoring a book drive for your local library, sewing lap blankets for local veterans, or writing cards for our warriors in harm's way. **Remember, find something that interests you and have FUN with it!**