

Stamp Defiance Daughters' Fund Policy

Section I – Purpose

The purpose of the Stamp Defiance Daughters' Fund is to assist chapter members in payment of dues to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the North Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NCS DAR). The Daughters' Fund will be used to assist chapter members who have been Stamp Defiance members for at least 3 years, as defined by NCS DAR Standing Rules, in the following ways:

1. **Longevity Recognition:** Pay annual dues (to include National, State, District, and all required project contributions) for all chapter members 90 years of age or older on or before November 30th in the calendar year of dues payment.
2. **Membership Retention:** Serve as a Membership Support Fund to pay the annual dues, as listed above, for chapter members in need of temporary financial assistance who:
 - a. Apply and are approved by the Daughters' Fund Committee.
 - b. Are recommended by the Treasurer, Chaplain, or Membership Committee Chair and are approved by the Daughters' Fund Committee.
 - c. Dues may be paid for a total of 3 years for chapter members under 90.

Section II – Funding

1. An initial anonymous donation of \$5,000 was made to establish the Daughters' Fund which is kept in a separate bank account under the purview of the Stamp Defiance Treasurer with the same signatories as all other Chapter accounts.
2. When donations are made to the Chapter as a memorial or "in honor" of someone those donations will be added to this fund unless otherwise designated.
3. The Finance Committee (during the annual budget process) has the authority to recommend a transfer of money from the general fund into the Daughters' Fund if deemed necessary. This transfer will then be reviewed during the Budget approval process.
4. If the fund is ever at a zero balance, these payments will be discontinued.

Section III – Committee Members

1. The Regent shall appoint three Stamp Defiance members to serve as members of the Daughters' Fund Committee. The Regent, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Membership Committee Chair will serve as ex-officio members of the committee.
2. The Membership Committee Chair shall serve as chair of the Daughters' Fund Committee.
3. This committee will be responsible for monitoring all activity and approving the expenditures for each area as outlined under Administration.
4. This committee will be responsible for creating and keeping relevant the Membership Support Application form with approval of the Executive Board.
5. All information shared with this committee is considered confidential.

Section IV – Administration

1. Longevity Recognition:

- a. The Chaplain will provide a list of all chapter members who will be 90 or older on or before November 30th in the calendar year of dues payment to the Treasurer each year no later than June 1st. If any of these members choose to pay their dues they will be accepted therefore decreasing the expenditure from the Daughters' Fund.
- b. The Treasurer will pay dues (to include National, State, District, and all required project contributions) for remaining members on the list during the annual dues process.

2. Membership Retention:

- a. Any chapter member wanting help paying their annual dues may contact the Treasurer, Chaplain, or Membership Committee Chair to make a request and provide the reason for needing assistance. A Membership Support Application form will be completed, confirmed with member by email, and sent to the Daughters' Fund Committee. Requests are due by September 15th.
- b. The Daughters' Fund Committee will review each request and determine which members' dues will be paid by the fund. Members will be notified of committee's decision prior to dues payment deadline each year.
- c. The Treasurer, Chaplain, or Membership Committee Chair may recommend that the Daughters' Fund Committee consider requests to cover dues for additional members.
- d. It is the responsibility of the Daughters' Fund Committee to make members aware of this fund.

3. Treasurer Responsibilities:

- a. Report activity in the Daughters' Fund to the Chapter the same as any other Stamp Defiance Bank Account.
- b. Report the information to the Daughters' Fund Committee to include those members who are 90 and older and any member applying for Membership Retention assistance.
- c. No later than December 1st, the Treasurer will make a transfer of funds from the Daughters' Fund to the General Fund to cover all those whose dues were paid each year by the Daughters' Fund.

4. The Daughters' Fund Policy became effective on January 14, 2022.

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