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Mary Chilton DAR Foundation offers new round of grants to S.D. nonprofits

More than \$80,700 in grants were awarded in 2017

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - The Mary Chilton DAR Foundation awarded more than \$80,700 in grants to nonprofit organizations in South Dakota during 2017. The foundation awarded 14 grants. The average amount was \$5,765.

A new grant-application period is underway, and the foundation welcomes groups to apply for grants to advance causes supported by DAR, which is short for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Proposals for regular grants of \$1,000 to \$15,000 will be considered. Mini grants for up to \$1,000 also are available.

"We like to have all of our grants make a positive difference and not just be used to partially fund larger projects," said Bert Olson, president of the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation Board.

Grants are awarded to 501 (c)(3) organizations for projects in the categories of education, patriotism and historic preservation, said Judy Goetz, who chairs the foundation's Grants Committee.

Application forms for regular grants are available online, but completed forms must be printed and mailed. Applying for mini grants is a less formal process. A letter explaining the need is all that is required.

For application forms and additional information about grant criteria, see <u>www.DAR-</u><u>MaryChiltonFoundation.org</u>.

Applications must be received by the foundation by Jan. 5, 2018. The organization's mailing address is: Mary Chilton DAR Foundation, PO Box 90716, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-0716.

Grants will be awarded only to organizations in South Dakota for projects in the state. Groups that applied for grants in 2017 are eligible to apply again in 2018 as long as their prior grants are closed out.

Mary Chilton DAR Foundation awards grants three times a year. After Jan. 5, the next two filing deadlines will be May 5 and Sept. 5.

The Mary Chilton DAR Foundation is affiliated with the Mary Chilton chapter, NSDAR. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution strives to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who gave their lives and fortunes for American Independence.