## **ANNOUNCEMENT - MARY CHILTON DAR FOUNDATION**

## MARY CHILTON CHAPTER NSDAR "DOROTHY DAY DAVENPORT GRANT" REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

To Potential Applicant Organizations,

This letter is to inform you of the application process and requirements for the \$50,000 Mary Chilton DAR Foundation - Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant", should you wish to apply for it. Outlined below is information to assist you in making that determination. An application form and related instructions are available for review on our website at <a href="www.dar-marychiltonfoundation.org">www.dar-marychiltonfoundation.org</a>. This grant is intended to help Sioux Falls organizations achieve goals consistent with the vision of the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation and its benefactor, Dorothy Day Davenport, involving historical, educational or patriotic projects.

## Background:

The Mary Chilton DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of its \$50,000 Dorothy Day Davenport Grant. The grant was created to advance the organization's objectives as identified by the Sioux Falls Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR. This grant emphasizes local grantmaking further fulfilling the civic wishes of the Foundation's benefactor, Dorothy Day Davenport. Dorothy's wishes, as stated in her bequest, were "to make Sioux Falls a better and happier place" through DAR's mission promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Dorothy Day Davenport was an original, founding member of the local Mary Chilton Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1915. Dorothy's father, Charles Day, was Editor and a major owner of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader where Dorothy served as a member of the Board of Directors and President. Her bequest to the Chapter made possible the formation of its Foundation in 1987.

<u>Grant Plan:</u> A single grant award of \$50,000 will be made annually by the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation to a Sioux Falls tax exempt, non-profit or civic organization. This grant will be known as the Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant". Each year, the successful grant applicant will be selected based on their project involving historic preservation, education, or patriotism meeting the purposes of the Mary Chilton Chapter and wishes of its Foundation benefactor, Dorothy Day Davenport in a most exemplary manner. The successful applicant's project will provide for this to be the case using the funds awarded by the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation in her honor.

<u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of the Dorothy Day Davenport Grant is to accomplish or substantially aid in the accomplishment of a significant mission-based project for local historic preservation, education, or patriotic benefits. The Mary Chilton Chapter and DAR Foundation would be involved and recognized as a community partner with the applicant and other organizations as may be the case.

<u>Procedure:</u> At the beginning of each calendar year, a "Request for Proposals" will be issued for eligible organizations interested in submitting an application for the Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant". The grant application deadline is March 31. "Letters of Intent to Apply" notices are strongly encouraged. The selected Grant Recipient will be announced in the summer

<u>Recognition:</u> Recognition of the selected Dorothy Day Davenport Grant recipient will include a hosted event with special acknowledgements provided at that time.

<u>Requirements:</u> Applicants must complete the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation Dorothy Day Davenport Grant Application Form as supplied and submit all required documents as described in the "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant" and other Grant Requirement sections of the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation website. <a href="https://www.dar-marychiltonfoundation.org">www.dar-marychiltonfoundation.org</a>.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this Request for Proposals for the Dorothy Day Davenport Grant and the good things your organization does for the community. Please share this information with your colleagues and contacts.

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