



January 2021

## Request for Proposals

### Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR 'Dorothy Day Davenport Grant'

To Potential Applicant Organizations:

This letter is to inform you about the application process and requirements for the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation's 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 is also available for your reference. This grant is intended to help Sioux Falls organizations achieve goals that are 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 a new grant has been created to advance the organization's objectives as identified by the Sioux Falls Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR. This grant emphasizes local grant-making, 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 of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Dorothy Day Davenport was an original, founding member in 1915 of the local Mary Chilton Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Dorothy's father, Charles Day, was the 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.

**Plan:**

Each year, a single award of \$50,000 will be made to a Sioux Falls tax-exempt, nonprofit or civic organization. This grant will be known as the Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant." The successful grant applicant will be chosen annually 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.

**Purpose:**

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.

**Procedure:**

In January each year as provided here and on the Foundation's website, a "Request for Proposals" will be issued for eligible applicant organizations to submit an application for the Mary Chilton Chapter NSDAR "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant" with an application deadline of March 31. Letters of Interest are encouraged. The selected Grant Recipient will be announced in the summer.

**Recognition:**

Recognition of the selected Dorothy Day Davenport Grant recipient organization will include a hosted event with special acknowledgements provided at that time.

**Requirement:**

Applicants must complete and submit the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation Dorothy Day Davenport Grant Application and provide all required documents as described in the "Dorothy Day Davenport Grant" section of the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation website: [DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org](http://DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org). Other Foundation requirements of the applicant and grant policies as found on this website also apply

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.

For more information, see the website [DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org](http://DAR-MaryChiltonFoundation.org) or contact Judy Goetz by phone at (605) 413-3798 or by email at [jgoetz6970@gmail.com](mailto:jgoetz6970@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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