



First Generation DAR Member Pin Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the basic eligibility requirements for the First Generation pin?

DAR members are eligible for the pin if they can prove that no one from their grandparents' generation, their parents' generation, or their own children or grandchildren have joined DAR before them. Ineligibility includes membership by your mother, sisters, aunts, or first-cousins who joined DAR before the qualifying member and share a grandparent with the qualifying member. If eligibility conditions are met, a DAR member is also eligible if she joined DAR simultaneously with another relative (mother, daughter, sister, etc.), either by submitting her membership application at the same time as her relative and/or was verified for membership at the same time. It will not matter if the lineages were verified through the same Patriot or not, and national numbers do not need to be sequential (though they often are).

2. My great-grandmother was a DAR member, but no one else in our family joined DAR until I joined. Am I eligible for the pin?

First Generation pin eligibility starts with your grandparents' generation so if neither of your grandmothers joined DAR before you did, and none of your four grandparents' descendants joined DAR before you did, then you are eligible for the pin.

3. My sister and I joined DAR at the exact same time and became the first women in our family to become members. Who is eligible for the pin?

If you submitted your applications for membership at the same time, or if both membership applications were verified at the same time, then you both may be eligible for the pin, but all members must submit individual pin approval applications for verification.

4. One of my first cousins joined DAR four years before I did. I have never met her in person. Am I eligible for the First Generation pin since she joined through our maternal grandfather's line and I joined through our maternal grandmother's line?

No, you are not eligible because you and your cousin share at least one common grandparent, and she joined DAR before you did.

5. Do I qualify if my grandmother's cousin was a member?

You may qualify if none of your grandmother's cousin's descendants married into your ancestor line and/or appear on any of your lineage's first three generations, and they did not join DAR before you did.

6. Do I qualify if my family member joined DAR under a different Patriot?

The Patriot ancestor tied to your membership application has nothing to do with First Generation eligibility. Eligibility is based on you being the first person in your three-generation family (up or down!) to have joined DAR, regardless which Patriot lineage was used.

7. What is the difference between First Generation and Legacy status?

A member with *Legacy* designation joined DAR through a previous relative's Patriot lineage using established DAR member information or was able to join DAR through a close relative's lineage, if they chose to. These members may have joined DAR using the now defunct "short form" or referenced a mother's, grandparent's or great-grandparent's established lineage. A member with *First Generation* designation was the first in her family to join DAR from her four grandparents' generations downward, or her DAR membership date preceded her own descendants' membership.

It is possible, therefore, for a DAR member to have both Legacy and First-Generation designations *if* a member's Legacy status was earned through a 4th or 5th generation ancestor, or from any other distant relative that appears on a member's lineage outside of First Generation parameters, or if her DAR membership started her own family's membership legacy.

8. Do members have to meet all three eligibility criteria for the First Generation pin or just one? I am the first generation to join on my paternal side, but not on my maternal side.

Yes, you must meet all criteria on both maternal and paternal sides to qualify as a First Generation member.

9. May I just purchase the First Generation DAR Member pin if I know I qualify?

No, you must first go to the online DAR Insignia Store, Insignia Committee page, or the Application Verification Support Committee (AVS) page on the DAR Members Website and click on the *First Generation DAR Member* pin's eligibility and verification link. Then thoroughly complete the electronic application form and click to Submit. Once the form is sent electronically, the National Vice Chair – First Generation, will review it for approval and pin authorization. The email address given in the electronic application will be notified of approval or denial within two weeks of original application. If approved, the Insignia Store will be notified and will then be able to process your purchase. *Please do not attempt to purchase the pin until you have received notice of First Generation approval and pin authorization! This applies to the application for your own pin purchase and any of those applied for as gifts.*

10. I am eligible for the First Generation pin as a Simultaneous Member. Is my relative who joined at the same time as I did automatically eligible for the pin?

No, each DAR member must prove individual eligibility on their own. It is possible the Simultaneous relatives used different generations to join DAR. (Example, a mother and daughter joined DAR simultaneously. The mother's grandmother was a DAR member, so she is disqualified, but that does not disqualify the daughter, whose own two grandmothers were not members.)

11. Where does the pin go on the official DAR ribbon?

Pin Placement List INS-1000 shows the First Generation bar placed above Patriot ancestor bars. If the member also has a Legacy bar, the First Generation bar should be placed just below that.

More questions? Email FirstGeneration@nsdar.org for help.