

How to Apply for Membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic

Requirements for Eligibility :

- A woman of good moral character and correct deportment, who has not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States of America
- A citizen of the United States of America
- Willing to perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged
- Have attained the age of thirteen years

Note: It is not necessary for an applicant to be a descendent of a Civil War soldier or sailor for eligibility. That was the request of the Grand Army of the Republic when we were organized as their auxiliary in 1883. This way, all women can be part of the honorable work of the Order.

Application Process

1. Fill in the application for Member-at-Large in the presence of a Notary Public for a jurat notarization where he/she will administer an oath where you will affirm before him/her, the truthfulness of the statements in the document you are about to sign.
2. Send an application fee of \$5.00 (check made payable to National Treasurer WRC). This fee is non-returnable.
3. Also include a check for the first year's dues of \$10.00, which would be returned in the event that your application is not accepted or if there is an active Corps in your locale to which you would prefer to become a member. (You would then pay annual dues to that Corps.)
4. Mail the completed application to the National President:

Mrs. Marcia Butgereit
1691 Summerfield SE
Kentwood, MI 49508-6499

NOTE: Upon receiving your application for membership, we will determine if there is an active Corps that meets near your location. If so, you will be informed of such, and you may then choose to join that local Corps. Membership-at-large is available for those living outside existing Corps areas.

A member-at-large may attend any Corps meeting, Department or National Convention by presenting a receipt, membership card and having the proper password. A member-at-large may be appointed or elected to any office on the National level only. Delegates to the National Convention from the group known as Members-at-large are elected by the National Council.

Members-at-large also receive our publication (General Orders) four times a year, in March, July, September and December.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

State _____

City _____

Date _____

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the **National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.** as a member-at-large.

I hereby **affirm** that I am eligible to membership under the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps being a woman of good moral character and correct deportment, who has not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States of America, and a citizen of the United States of America, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of thirteen years.

I **pledge** allegiance to the United States of America and promise to support its Constitution.

I **promise** to assist in the perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and Veterans of all wars of the United States of America and pledge anew my allegiance to the Flag for which our heroes fought.

I **will** always defend the honor of the Woman's Relief Corps, and hold as a sacred trust the principles to which it stands pledged.

I **promise** to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Order and loyally support all officers in authority.

I **will faithfully** perform all duties required and hold sacredly all secrets entrusted to me.

I **promise**, on my honor as a woman, to respect and obey this solemn obligation.

Signature _____

Residence _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me at _____

this _____ day of _____ A.D. 20____

Notary Public

My commission expires _____ 20____

(Seal)

Accepted and approved for Membership-At-Large by _____, **National President**

When filled out, this application is to be **forwarded to the National President** with an **application fee of \$5.00** and the **first year dues of \$10.00**. Upon approval by the National President, the application will be filed with the National Secretary. The National Treasurer will forward a **receipt** and identification (**dues**) **card**, a copy of the **Rules and Regulations** of our Order and a **U.S. desk Flag** to the Member-at-large. A Member-at-large is entitled to our publication (General Orders), attendance at Corps meetings, Department and National Conventions and appointed or elected to office on the National level only. Delegates to the National Convention from the group known as Members-at-large are elected by the National Council. The first year's dues will be refunded should the application NOT be approved.

Application received by the National Secretary _____ 20____

Fee and Dues received by the National Treasurer _____ 20____