



## PROPOSING A CANDIDATE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CINCINNATI

1. The candidate must be known to the proposer. She must have an ancestor (generally, listed in *Original Members and Other Officers Eligible to the Society of the Cincinnati*, by Bryce Metcalf) whose eligibility must be verified by the Daughters' licensed professional genealogist.
2. Once the candidate has been invited to join the society she will be asked to provide proofs of her genealogy. When her genealogical information has been verified, the proposer becomes responsible for requesting a seconding letter from another member of the Daughters of the Cincinnati. ***The candidate must also be known to the seconder. Proposing and seconding letters should state how long the member has known the candidate.*** Candidates may also be proposed by their fathers or grandfathers who are members of the Society of the Cincinnati and they may be seconded by members of the Society of the Cincinnati.
3. Proposing and seconding letters should include detailed information about the background of the candidate. If the candidate belongs to other patriotic societies, this can be mentioned. The letters should be written individually; duplicate letters are not acceptable.
4. The proposing letter should indicate the name of the eligible ancestor from whom the candidate is descended, and, especially, her relationship to the ancestor. It should also give the names of any relatives who were or are members of the Daughters or of the Society of the Cincinnati.

The Daughters of the Cincinnati accepts collateral descent when prior consent of the Society of the Cincinnati exists. For purposes of membership in the Daughters of the Cincinnati, collateral descent is defined thus: applicant must be a direct descendant of a brother or sister of the approved original member of the Society of the Cincinnati.