



# Scions of Freedom Signers

## Instructions for Completion of Application

**Read these Instructions before you begin preparation of your Application.  
Failure to follow them may result in a failed Application.**

### Membership Qualifications

Thank you for your interest in Scions of the Freedom Signers. We look forward to welcoming you to membership and to sharing our amazing family connections to the Signers of the four documents that served to establish the United States of America as a sovereign and independent nation.

Our application is a form-fill, tab-and-type PDF that may be opened and completed in Adobe Acrobat. If you do not have Adobe, visit their website and download their software. The site is safe and the software is free.

**Download the application FIRST and prepare the form on your desktop. Be sure to save your changes to the Application in case you need it in the future for submission of a Supplementary Application.**

## PREPARATION OF APPLICATION

### Cover Page (Page 1)

Give ALL information, as requested. Omission of any information may delay processing. If you wish some part of your information not be published in future membership directories, indicate that desire in a cover note so that appropriate notations can be made in our database. However, DO supply the contact information, as it may be necessary for one of the officers to be in touch with you electronically or telephonically about specific Society matters.

On the appropriate line, be sure to give your name EXACTLY the way you wish it to appear on your Membership Certificate.

Tick the boxes of all of the documents your Signer subscribed to. Most subscribed to only one of the four, but many subscribed to two or three. Only one Signer subscribed to all four.

In the last form-field, give ONLY ONE ANCESTOR'S NAME (male or female, as appropriate).

### Chart Page (Page 2)

Following page 1, there are **TWO parts** to this application. Page 2 is a "common ancestor chart" that will populate the appropriate lines on subsequent pages from your common ancestor to yourself. Having completed page 1 properly, you will notice that at the top of page 2, both columns contain your COMMON ANCESTOR'S NAME (the ancestor who is your grandparent and also the grandparent of the Signer). If the name appears incorrectly, it means it was inserted incorrectly on page 1. You may revise it in either place and the correction will appear in all other appropriate places.

Complete the left-hand column showing the line of descent FROM your Common Ancestor DOWN TO your Signer. Chances are you will only need about five or six generations at most. This column must be prepared first, before moving to your own line of descent. Move through the column using the TAB key.

NOTE: There are no genealogical blocks for you to complete for the Signer's lineage (other than the table on page 2); *nevertheless*, until we have completed research of the ancestry of all of the Signers (expected before the end of the summer, 2024), you must provide copies of appropriate genealogical source materials sufficient to prove the line of descent of your Signer from your Common Ancestor (unless otherwise instructed not to do so).

Complete the right-hand column from your Common Ancestor to YOURSELF, again using the TAB key. You will see as you move on to the subsequent pages that all of your ancestors' names have been inserted in the appropriate generations. If you make a mistake with regard to the spelling or placement of names, you may make changes in either place and the correction will appear in all appropriate places.

### Lineage Pages (Pages 3 – and after)

Beginning on these pages, you will see that the names in your line of descent have carried forward to the appropriate generational blocks, as noted above. If they do not begin with your Common Ancestor (in the first generation) and conclude with you (in the last generation necessary), then the information was not entered correctly on page 2. Again, you may make any changes to the names on these pages, and those changes will appear in all other appropriate places on the application.

**If a name, date, or place is unknown, LEAVE THE SPACE BLANK.** **Do not** use notations such as “-0-” or “N/A” or “Living.” New discoveries may allow for inserting the appropriate information later.

Complete each generation following customary genealogical data procedures. Include all documented full names and birth/death/marriage dates and places for all individuals. THE LAST THREE GENERATIONS MUST HAVE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION. Failure to properly document these generations will result in a failed application that will delay processing.

### Dates

Use the genealogical standard of “03 May 2018.” Do not use numerals for months, and do not convert dates from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. If you have Quaker records, write the date exactly as found in the Quaker record (*e.g.*, 24th 10 mo. 1728).

### Places

Use two-letter postal abbreviations for all states. Include counties where known. They can be found via a simple internet search. **Do not** abbreviate the names of Foreign Countries.

### Proof Documents

Acceptable proof documents include birth, marriage, and death certificates and records. AGAIN, NOTE: The last THREE generations MUST be supported by birth, death and marriage records, not published sources. All proof documents must be marked with the generation number(s) in the upper right-hand corner in **RED**. Pertinent information on all proofs must be underscored in **RED**. All generations must be linked to the previous generation. A document must be included to link each generation to the next.

Acceptable forms of proof (for generations other than the last three) may include: censuses, SSDI, published tombstone transcriptions (“Find A Grave” entries will be accepted at the Genealogist's discretion), legible photos of tombstones (with name and location of cemetery noted on the page), bible records with copyright page, wills, deeds, family histories (if original source materials are cited), and genealogical journal pages (such as NEHGR, NYGBR, TAG, TG, W&MCQ, CN, &c.). IGI and personal ancestries from sites such as *ancestry.com* or *genweb* are not acceptable. A copy of the title page of any book or journal cited must be provided, as well as the corresponding pages used.

## Citation of Proofs

When citing a published source, state the name of the author/editor/compiler, the title of the book/manuscript/article, the year of publication and the pages for the information cited.

**Example: Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents* (2012), p. 281**

Birth, death, marriage certificates may be cited very simply as “BC,” “MC,” and “DC.” It is unnecessary to provide a certificate number and state. Those things are obvious from the record itself, and are easily retrievable by others who may need them. If using published records for these events (for generations other than the last three), “BR,” “MR,” and “DR” are acceptable, and are usually cited as, for example, “Barbour Collection – Stratford” or “Boston VRs.”

## Using Record Copies from other Societies

**Record Copies from only a few, select Societies will be accepted.** The Genealogist has sole discretion regarding the acceptability of Record Copies from other Societies, and reserves the right to request additional information in order to approve your application to this Society. **Inquire first** about whether your Record Copy is acceptable. Contact the Genealogist by e-mail and include a scanned copy of the **complete** record copy you wish to use. You will be informed of its acceptability.

**DEFINITION: A Record Copy is a copy of your original application, proved afresh with a given society. Short-form applications and those that have relied on another society’s application are *not* Record Copies and *not* acceptable for establishing membership with this Society.** Additionally, your draft application submission to another Society, together with a copy of your certificate and/or acceptance letter, is **not** a Record Copy.

When using a Record Copy from another society, citation of the proof documents used for that application must be shown exactly as they are given. **DO NOT REFERENCE** the record copy on pages 3-forward of this Application.

## **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

**Proof-read your application before you send it.**

**DID YOU: Underscore (in red) or highlight all appropriate information on your proof documents?**

**Mark each document with the generation(s) to which it pertains?**

Print **SINGLE-SIDED**, sign and date your application.

Include **TWO** checks, as follows:

- a. One check in the amount of **\$300.00** for Life Membership dues, and your Membership Certificate, **payable to “Scions of the Freedom Signers.”** The Society does not offer Annual Membership.
- b. One check in the amount of **\$50.00**, **payable to the Genealogist, “Alexander Bannerman,”** whose address appears below.

## SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATIONS

This Application is designed to serve as both your Initial Application and any Supplementary Applications you may wish to submit. Supplementary Applications are always welcome. Submissions must follow the same procedures as those outlined above for submission of your Initial Application..

The fees for Supplementary Applications are as follows, again payable in TWO checks:

- a. One check in the amount of **\$50.00** per Supplementary Application submitted, **payable to “Scions of the Freedom Signers.”** This fee is per **Signer**.
- b. One check in the amount of **\$50.00** per Supplementary Application submitted, **payable to the Genealogist, “Alexander Bannerman.”** This fee is per **Ancestor**. But note the following example, as it may save you some cost in fees:

The cost is \$50 to the Society for the SIGNER, and \$50 to the Genealogist for the ANCESTOR. If multiple SIGNERS descend from the same ANCESTOR, the fee to the Society is \$50 per Signer, and the fee to the Genealogist is \$50 for the first Signer and \$25 for each additional Signer. Again, the Signers must be descended from the same Ancestor. This reduced fee has been established by the current Genealogist as a favor to members and prospective members. If you have questions, direct them to the Genealogist for clarification.

### **The Genealogist’s Contact Information:**

Alexander Bannerman  
Genealogist – Freedom Signers  
1716 Bigley Avenue  
Charleston, WV 25302-3938

phone: 304-346-6646  
email: [FreedomSignersGenealogist@gmail.com](mailto:FreedomSignersGenealogist@gmail.com)

Mail your Application, checks, and proof documents in one envelope by US mail that does not require a signature for acceptance. Proof documents will not be returned.

All fees include a certificate. NOTE: Regardless of the number of documents your Signer subscribed to, only one certificate is issued per Signer.

NOTE: In time, the Genealogist and Archivist of the Society will have the ancestry of **all** of the Signers documented and prepared for publication. Some Signers are related to one another. In those instances, charts of common descent will be prepared by the Genealogist.

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# Scions of Freedom Signers

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(rev. 06-24)

I submit the following Membership Application for Scions of the Freedom Signers.

This is my ☐ Initial Application ☐ Supplementary Application

Full Name (First, Middle, Maiden, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

My name as I wish it to appear on my Membership Certificate (Note: Even if your Signer subscribed to more than one of the four Founding Documents, only one certificate for that Signer will be provided.)

Application is made in right of kinship to the following Signer: \_\_\_\_\_

My Signer subscribed to the following document(s): (NOTE: Tick all that apply. This procedure applies to ALL Applications, including your Initial Application. A complete list of the Signers accompanies the Instructions. Only one SIGNER may be claimed per Application.)

☐ Articles of Association (1774)

☐ Articles of Confederation (1781)

☐ Declaration of Independence (1776)

☐ U.S. Constitution (1789)

My Common Ancestor with the above Signer is: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am submitting herewith the following Record Copy in lieu of submitting other evidence. (Note: READ CAREFULLY the Instructions about what constitutes a Record Copy.)

Name of Society \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that the genealogy herein contained is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not write below this line)

Amount of Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Approving Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

The lineages below should begin with the Common Ancestor (from Page 1) and continue down to your Signer (in the left column) and to you (in the right column). NOTE that the Common Ancestor is already in the appropriate place for both lineages.

**Signer's Lineage**

Beginning with Name of Common Ancestor (from Page 1)

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**Your Lineage**

Beginning with Name of Common Ancestor (from Page 1)

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The following lineage should begin with the Common Ancestor (from Page 1) and continue down to you. If you are a Direct Descendant of your Signer, begin with the Signer in YOUR line and continue down to you.

**1.** (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs: (NOTE: **DO NOT** provide explanations of the evidences. Refer to the instructions for proper citation of all evidences.)

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Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**2.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

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Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**3.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**4.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**5.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**6.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:



Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**7.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**8.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**9.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**10.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**11.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**12.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**13.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

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Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**14.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

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Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**15.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

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Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**16.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

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Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**17.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**18.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**19.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs:

Their (check one) ☐ son ☐ daughter was

**20.** (name in blood line) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

m. ON \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Proofs: