



HISTORIC MARKER GRANT PROGRAM

An Extract from the Preamble to the Articles of Incorporation of the General Society:

“WHEREAS, It is desirable that there should be adequate celebrations commemorative of the events of Colonial History...

THEREFORE, [The Society of Colonial Wars] seeks...to hold suitable commemorations, and to erect memorials relating to the American Colonial period”

GRANT INFORMATION and INSTRUCTIONS

1. The purpose of a grant from the GSCW Historic Marker Grant Program (“Program”) is to enable a State Society to:
 - 1) Place a new, simple, and easy marker to commemorate Colonial history.
 - 2) Conduct a dedication ceremony of grace, dignity and gravitas, and
 - 3) Hold a celebration, to promote camaraderie amongst our fellow Warriors,all as prescribed in the Preamble. In short, we seek to honor our ancestors, promulgate Colonial history, and have some fun in so doing.
2. The markers contemplated by the Program are not intended to supplant or replace, but rather to augment and complement, the vast array of tablets, monuments, statues, obelisks, plaques, stone markers, and other Colonial memorials (and the variety of materials used, ranging from stone to bronze) traditionally placed by the GSCW and the various State Societies, since the GSCW erected the Society’s first marker in 1895. In that year, the GSCW placed a large red granite Ionic column, surmounted by a ball, with an inscribed base, at Louisbourg in Nova Scotia, to remember the 1745 capture of the French Fortress of Louisbourg by British New England forces, 150 years before. This magnificent memorial became the grandfather of all to follow. The “Spirit of Louisbourg” has animated all tablets and monuments projects of the Society ever since.
3. The Program is administered by the GSCW Committee on Tablets and Monuments (the “T&M Committee”). Grants are considered by T&M Committee throughout the year on a rolling basis. There are no submission deadlines. Simply apply when you are ready.
4. The T&M Committee meets on a regular basis to review grant applications, based upon the number of applications it has received and has on hand for consideration at the time. All grant applications are subject to approval by the T&M Committee, which reserves the right to approve, approve with conditions, deny, or request more information with respect to an application. The T&M Committee will endeavor to respond to applications within thirty (30) days of receipt, if practicable.
5. The T&M Committee may issue a grant of up to \$3,500 per proposed marker, and associated ceremony/event.
6. A State Society may not submit more than one (1) grant application in any one (1) calendar year, and may not receive more than one (1) grant in any one (1) calendar year.
7. The marker must commemorate a person, place, or event of our great nation’s Colonial Era, from the time period beginning with the settlement of Jamestown, VA, May 13, 1607, and preceding the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775. If you have a question as to whether the subject matter or site of your marker fits these parameters, please contact the T&M Committee at: Tablets-Monuments@gscw.org.
8. The “Maryland Standard Sign” (or a variant thereof) is a proven, simple, easy, and cost effective method to place a Society of Colonial Wars marker. However, State Societies are not required to follow the Maryland format.
9. The marker may be of (a) another material, such as stone or bronze, or (b) another format, such as a statue, tablet, or monument.
10. If the marker is in the nature of a roadside sign-style marker, the T& M Committee suggests, but does not require, it follow the basic design concept of the “Maryland Standard Sign” as a “template” (see picture), which is constructed of aluminum plate (either one-sided or two), is placed on a post, has black letters on a silver background, framed by a black border, surmounted by a scroll and oval, with the Maryland State Society seal in red at the top.

11. Local circumstances may require variation from the “template” as to the design of the sign, the background colors, lettering colors, etc. Some States may already have their own “standard sign” in use. The Committee asks that all markers for which grants are issued:
- Be approximately 30 inches tall and 42 inches wide.
 - Feature either:
 - a) the State Society seal (in the scarlet red of the GSCW, and additional colors of the State’s seal, if it elects to use more than one color), or
 - b) the seal of the GSCW, in such colors, at the top.
 - State at the bottom: “Erected [or Placed] by The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of [state name] on [date]” at the bottom.

Otherwise, States are free to, and encouraged to, innovate.

12. Sign Manufacturers:

- The Maryland Society has used with great success “North Carolina” model marker of:
Sewah Studios
190 Millcreek Road
Marietta, OH 45750
888-557-3924
www.sewahstudios.com
- There are many other manufacturers throughout the United States.
- Applicants are advised to do their own research to determine which vendor best suits their own needs.
- Plan well in advance - many have work queues of six (6) months or more.

13. Particular care must be taken in the placement of the marker if situated along a roadside, in order to distinguish between the boundary of (a) the public road right-of-way and (b) private property. Public road rights-of-ways often extend far beyond the pavement. If on a public highway or road right-of-way, the permission of the Department of Transportation of your state, or your local city or county, must be obtained in writing. If on private land, the permission of the landowner must be obtained in writing, preferably through a recorded easement. Additionally, local zoning ordinances, and local sign or architectural protection ordinances and regulations, may govern the marker. Please proceed prudently and consult your state chancellor, and/or local counsel for advice.

14. The GSCW, and the T&M Committee, reserve the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, to modify these instructions, procedures, and rules, as circumstances may require, without further notice.

15. Return application to: Tablets-Monuments@gscw.org.

16. Have fun with your proposed marker project!

May the imperatives of the Preamble, and the spirit of Louisbourg, guide you on your way.

Fortiter Pro Patria.



“I am so glad the ‘Maryland standard sign,’ which we have used to great success for My Lady’s Manor at St. James Church, and elsewhere, made of aluminum plate, 32 inches tall x 42 inches wide, with a flourish and the red Maryland Society seal at the top, manufactured by Sewah Studios of Ohio, is now readily available to all our brother State Societies, as a simple template tool, to be adapted to their local needs and circumstances, with their State seal, packaged with General Society funds, through our new Historic Marker Grant Program. The sign, ceremony, and celebration are a formula that really works.”

— Former Vice Governor General Henry C. Pitts