

2025-2026 Spotlight Societies:

Group I--California Spotlight Society

Supporting Societies: Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Wyoming

Group II—Indiana Spotlight Society

Supporting Societies: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania

Group III—South Carolina Society

Supporting Societies: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Group IV—Massachusetts Society

Supporting Societies: Connecticut, Washington DC, Delaware, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Rotation Schedule for 2025-2036:

	AHA Group 1	AHA Group 2	AHA Group 3	AHA Group 4
2025-2026	California	Indiana	South Carolina	Massachusetts
2026-2027	Washington	Michigan	Mississippi	Delaware
2027-2028	Wyoming	Minnesota	Louisiana	New Jersey
2028-2029	Nevada	Illinois	Georgia	Maryland
2029-2030	Hawaii	Arkansas	Alabama	New Hampshire
2030-2031	Colorado	Pennsylvania	Virginia	Vermont
2031-2032	Texas	Oklahoma	West Virginia	Maine
2032-2033	Oregon	Kentucky	North Carolina	Connecticut
2033-2034	Kansas	Missouri	Tennessee	New York
2034-2035	Arizona	Iowa	Florida	Washington DC
2035-2036	Nebraska	Ohio		Rhode Island

Guidelines:

The criteria are broad so the Spotlight Society may be creative in its decision so long as the nonprofit group's work supports the ideals of patriotism and heritage. The Spotlight Society may choose to use the Award for one or more recipients.

The NSCDA website has a list of the past recipients which indicate the broad range of possibilities. See "AHA List of Past Recipients" under the "American Heritage Award" page.

The CS's President or Mission Chair/Patriotic Service Chair must present in writing a general description of the proposed recipient to the Spotlight Society's Corporate Board, and the Board must approve the choice.

The AHA funds may be given only to non-profit organizations. No AHA funds may be given directly to individuals. Relatives of Dames may not be considered for the American Heritage Award.

Timeline:

May/June:

The Chair of the American Heritage Awards contacts each Spotlight Society for the coming year to confirm participation. The new Spotlight Societies are announced to all Presidents/Mission Chairs via the Mission Forward newsletter.

August/September:

The NSCDA AHA Chair notifies the Mission Chairs of the other Corporate Societies in each Spotlight Society's Group that they should request that their Board approve and send a contribution to the Spotlight Society. The name and address of the Treasurer at the Spotlight Society should be included so the Corporate Societies can easily send a donation.

August-December:

Each Spotlight Society should choose the recipient(s) for the Award. The Mission Chair or President in the Spotlight Society must present the candidate in writing to the Corporate Society Board for approval.

January 15:

Contributions should be received from the Supporting Corporate Societies in each Group. This helps the Spotlight Society know the amount it will be able to disburse. The NSCDA Scholarship, Grants & Awards contribution of \$1,000 is sent to each Spotlight Society in January as well.

April-May:

The Spotlight Society should distribute the Award in April or May. The Award can be given at a special ceremony or at a Dames Board or Annual meeting, as decided by the Spotlight Society and the recipient.

May-June:

The Spotlight Society should publicize news of the Award to its own membership and to the local community as appropriate. The Spotlight Society also sends a description of the Award recipient/s (with photos if possible) to the NSCDA AHA Chair, who disseminates this news to all Dames through an article in the eDispatch.

Questions:

Please reach out with any questions you may have. Contact Leslie Greene, NSCDA Scholarship, Grants and Awards Committee, Vice-Chair for the American Heritage Awards at (203) 246-6110 or Lesliemillsgreene@gmail.com.