

Membership *Propositi*

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In order to qualify for membership, the applicant must be able to prove a blood relationship to either a President or a First Lady through a common ancestor who settled in or was born in an area now recognized as part of the United States of America (excluding territories). The qualifying persons through whom one may gain membership include the Presidents and First Ladies of:

- The Continental Congress of the United Colonies of America
- The Continental Congress of the United States of America
- The United States of America in Congress Assembled
- The United States of America under the Constitution of the United States
- The Republic of West Florida
- The Republic of Texas
- The Republic of California
- The Republic of Hawaii
- The Vermont Republic
- The Confederate States of America

A list of all qualifying *propositi* follows, with life-dates in parentheses () and service dates in brackets []. Those preceded by an asterisk (*) have been used to establish membership or for supplementary applications:

Presidents and First Ladies of the Continental Congress of the United Colonies of America

- *Peyton Randolph (1721-1775) [1774; 1775]
- *Elizabeth (Harrison) Randolph (1721-1783)
- Henry Middleton (1717-1784) [1774]
- Wife deceased; no qualifying First Lady
- *John Hancock (III) (1736/7-1793) [1775-1776]
- *Dorothy (Quincy) Hancock (1747-1830)

Presidents and First Ladies of the Continental Congress of the United States of America

- *John Hancock (III) (1736/7-1793) [1776-1777]
- *Dorothy (Quincy) Hancock (1747-1830)
- Henry Laurens (1723/4-1792) [1777-1778]
- Wife deceased; no qualifying First Lady
- *John Jay (1745-1829) [1778-1779]
- *Sarah VanBrugh (Livingston) Jay (1756-1802)
- *Samuel Huntington (1731-1796) [1779-1781]
- *Martha (Devotion) Huntington (1739-1794)

Presidents and First Ladies of the United States of America in Congress Assembled

- *Samuel Huntington (1731-1796) [1781]
- *Martha (Devotion) Huntington (1739-1794)
- Thomas McKean (1734-1817) [1781]
- Sarah (Armitage) McKean (1747-1820)
- John Hanson (1715/21-1783) [1781-1782]
- *Jane (Contee) Hanson (1728-1812)
- Elias Boudinot (1740-1821) [1782-1783]
- *Hannah (Stockton) Boudinot (1736-1808)
- Thomas Mifflin (1743/4-1800) [1783-1784]
- Sarah (Morris) Mifflin (1747-1790)

- *Richard Henry Lee (1732/3-1794) [1784-1785]
- *Anne (Gaskins)(Pinckard) Lee (c.1746-1796)
- *John Hancock (III) (1736/7-1793) [1785-1786]
- *Dorothy (Quincy) Hancock (1747-1830)
- *Nathaniel Gorham (Jr.) (1738-1796) [1786]
- *Rebecca (Call) Gorham (1744-1812)
- Arthur St. Clair (1736-1818) [1787]
- *Phoebe (Bayard) St. Clair (1743-1818)
- *Cyrus Griffin (1748-1810) [1788-1789]
- (Lady) Christhena (Stuart) Griffin (1741-1807)

Presidents and First Ladies of the United States of America, under the U. S. Constitution

- *George Washington (1731/2-1799) [1789-1797]
- *Martha (Dandridge)(Custis) Washington (1731-1802)
- *John Adams (Jr.) (1735-1826) [1797-1801]
- *Abigail (Smith) Adams (1744-1818)
- *Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) [1801-1809]
- Wife dec.; qualifying White House Hostess is his dau.,
- *Martha (Jefferson) Randolph (1772-1836)
- *James Madison (Jr.) (1751-1836) [1809-1817]
- *Dolley (Payne)(Todd) Madison (1768-1849)
- *James Lawrence Monroe (1758-1831) [1817-1825]
- *Elizabeth (Kortright) Monroe (1768-1830)
- *John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) [1825-1829]
- Louisa Catherine (Johnson) Adams (1775-1852)
- Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) [1829-1837]
- Wife dec.; qualifying White House Hostess is his niece,
- *Emily Tennessee (Donelson) Donelson (1807-1836)
- *Martin VanBuren (1782-1862) [1837-1841]
- Wife dec.; qualifying White House Hostess is his daughter-in-law,
- (Sarah) Angelica (Singleton) VanBuren (1816-1877)

*William Henry Harrison (1773-1841) [1841]
 *Anna Tuthill (Symmes) Harrison (1775-1864)
 *John Tyler IV (1790-1862) [1841-1845]
 Letitia (Christian) Tyler (1790-1842)
 *Julia (Gardiner) Tyler (1820-1889)
 *James Knox Polk (1795-1849) [1845-1849]
 *Sarah (Childress) Polk (1803-1891)
 *Zachary Taylor (1784-1850) [1849-1850]
 *Margaret Mackall (Smith) Taylor (1788-1852)
 *Millard Fillmore (1800-1874) [1850-1853]
 *Abigail (Powers) Fillmore (1798-1853)
 *Franklin Pierce (1804-1869) [1853-1857]
 *Jane Means (Appleton) Pierce (1806-1863)
 James Buchanan (Jr.) (1791-1868) [1857-1861]
 Never married; qualifying White House Hostess is his niece,
 *Harriet Rebecca (Lane) Johnston (1830-1903)
 *Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) [1861-1865]
 *Mary Ann (Todd) Lincoln (1818-1882)
 Andrew Johnson (1808-1875) [1865-1869]
 Eliza (McCardle) Johnson (1810-1876)
 *(Hiram) Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885) [1869-1877]
 *Julia Boggs (Dent) Grant (1826-1902)
 *Rutherford Birchard Hayes (1822-1893) [1877-1881]
 *Lucy Ware (Webb) Hayes (1831-1889)
 *James Abram Garfield (1831-1881) [1881]
 *Lucretia (Rudolph) Garfield (1832-1918)
 *Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1886) [1881-1885]
 Wife deceased; qualifying White House Hostess is his sister,
 *Mary (Arthur) McElroy (1841-1917)
 *(Stephen) Grover Cleveland (1837-1908) [1885-89; 1893-97]
 Unmarried until 1886; qualifying White House Hostess is his sister,
 *Rose Elizabeth Cleveland (1846-1918), and his wife,
 *Frances Clara (Folsom) Cleveland (1864-1947)
 *Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901) [1889-1893]
 *Caroline Lavinia (Scott) Harrison (1832-1892)
 *William McKinley (Jr.) (1843-1901) [1897-1901]
 *Ida (Saxton) McKinley (1847-1907)
 *Theodore Roosevelt (Jr.) (1858-1919) [1901-1909]
 *Edith Kermit (Carow) Roosevelt (1861-1948)
 *William Howard Taft (1857-1930) [1909-1913]
 *Helen (Herron) Taft (1861-1943)
 (Thomas) Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) [1913-1921]
 *Ellen Louise (Axson) Wilson (1860-1914)
 *Edith (Bolling)(Galt) Wilson (1872-1961)
 *Warren Gamaliel Harding (1865-1923) [1921-1923]
 *Florence Mabel (Kling)(DeWolf) Harding (1860-1924)
 *(John) Calvin Coolidge (Jr.) (1872-1933) [1923-1929]
 *Grace Anna (Goodhue) Coolidge (1879-1957)
 *Herbert Clark Hoover (1874-1964) [1929-1933]
 *Lou (Henry) Hoover (1874-1944)
 *Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) [1933-1945]
 *(Anna) Eleanor (Roosevelt) Roosevelt (1884-1962)
 *Harry S Truman (1884-1972) [1945-1953]
 *Elizabeth Virginia (Wallace) Truman (1885-1982)
 *Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1969) [1953-1961]
 *Mamie Geneva (Doud) Eisenhower (1896-1979)
 John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-1963) [1961-1963]
 *Jacqueline Lee (Bouvier) Kennedy (1929-1994)
 *Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-1973) [1963-1969]
 *Claudia Alta “Lady Bird” (Taylor) Johnson (1912-2007)
 *Richard Milhous Nixon (1913-1994) [1969-1974]
 Thelma Catherine “Pat” (Ryan) Nixon (1912-1993)

*(Leslie Lynch King (Jr.) Gerald Rudolph Ford (Jr.) (1913-2006)
 [1974-1977]
 *Elizabeth Anne (Bloomer)(Warren) Ford (1918-2011)
 *James Earl Carter (Jr.) (1924-2024) [1977-1981]
 *(Eleanor) Rosalynn (Smith) Carter (1927-2023)
 Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911-2004) [1981-1989]
 *(Anne Frances Robbins) Nancy (Davis) Reagan (1921-2016)
 *George Herbert Walker Bush (1924-2018) [1989-1993]
 *Barbara (Pierce) Bush (1925-2018)
 *(William Jefferson Blythe IV) William Jefferson Clinton
 (1946-) [1993-2001]
 Hillary Diane (Rodham) Clinton (1947-)
 *George Walker Bush (1946-) [2001-2009]
 *Laura Lane (Welch) Bush (1946-)
 *Barack Hussein Obama, Jr. (1961-) [2009-2017]
 Michelle LaVaughn (Robinson) Obama (1964-)
 Donald John Trump (1946-) [2017-2021]
 Melania (Knauss) Trump (1970-)
 Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. (1942-) [2021-]
 *Jill Tracy (Jacobs)(Stevenson) Biden (1951-)

President and First Lady of the Republic of West Florida

*Fulwar Skipwith (1765-1839) [1810]
 Separated; no qualifying First Lady

Presidents and First Ladies of the Republic of Texas

David Gouverneur Burnet (1788-1870) [1836]
 *Hannah (Este) Burnet (1800-1858)
 Samuel Rutherford Houston (1793-1863) [1836-38; 1841-44]
 Margaret Moffett (Lea) Houston (1819-1867)
 Maribeau Buonaparte Lamar (1798-1859) [1838-41]
 Wife deceased; no qualifying First Lady
 *Anson Jones (1798-1858) [1844-46]
 Mary (Smith) (McCrory) Jones (1819-1907)

President and First Lady of the Republic of California

*William Brown Ide (1796-1852) [1846]
 *Susan G[rout ?] (Haskell) Ide (1795-c.1850)

Presidents and First Ladies of the Vermont Republic

*Thomas Chittenden (1730-1797) [1778-1789]
 *Elizabeth (Meigs) Chittenden (1731-1817)
 *Moses Robinson (1741/2-1813) [1789-1790]
 *Mary (Fay) Robinson (1743-1801)

President and First Lady of the Republic of Hawaii

*Sanford Ballard Dole (1844-1926) [1894-1900]
 *Anna Prentice (Cate) Dole (1842-1918)

President and First Lady of the Confederate States of America

Jefferson Davis (1808-1889) [1862-1865]
 *Varina Ann Banks (Howell) Davis (1826-1906)

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