



ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 10195 – Springfield, IL 62791 -0195

World War I CERTIFICATES

The Illinois State Genealogical Society would like to honor the memory of Illinois' World War I Veterans with a special certificate issued to their direct descendants. These certificates are issued in recognition of the sacrifices made by their valiant ancestors. In an effort to record and preserve material submitted for future generations the society will publish submissions.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for an Illinois State Genealogical Society World War I Certificate applicant must be a direct descendant of a World War I Veteran. Veteran must have served between 6 Apr 1917 and 11 Nov 1918 and have one of the following Illinois connections:

- • World War I Veteran lived, died or is buried in Illinois.

No residency requirement for applicant.

FEE

Fee for each veteran application submitted is \$20. One designated certificate is included in application fee. Certificate will be mailed after eligibility has been determined. The completed application with documented proof of direct descent should be submitted with a check payable to the Illinois State Genealogical Society. **Application fee is not refundable.**

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES

Brothers, sisters, children, or grandchildren of the applicant who wish to **apply at the same time** as original veteran application will need to fill out an application. Their documentation need only show direct relationship to original applicant. These additional applications include one designated certificate each. Fee for these additional certificates is only \$10 each.

Any applications that are incomplete or inconclusive will be returned to the applicant for additions or corrections only twice under the original application fee.

DOCUMENTATION

Evidence submitted as documentation shall be sufficient to show that the applicant is a **direct** descendant of the veteran who served during World War I. Documentation must be sufficient to differentiate between two persons of the same name.

Copies of vital records are acceptable if the seal is visible on the copy. If there is no vital record, at least two secondary proofs that support the same event, date or relationship must be submitted. **Applicant's name should be on the back of each document submitted.**

Materials submitted become the property of the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

One application for each certificate

Complete all of the application

Print or type in black ink

Start Veteran as Number one

Names:

Use all Caps for Surnames

Use maiden names where applicable

List all given names of an individual

Quote marks around nicknames

Place aliases in brackets

Dates are written as day/month/year

Document all events

Consecutively number proof documents

Write document number on application

Send copies of original documents

Documents will not be returned

On the **back** of proof documents

include: Applicant and Veteran's name

Complete citation for document

As applicable:

Title

Author

Volume

Publishing Information

Page Number

Internet site name and URL

Microfilm Number

Identifying Document Number

Enclose a check for total amount

Payable to:

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Mail everything to:

Illinois State Genealogical Society

PO Box 10195

Springfield, IL 62791-0195

DOCUMENTS FOR PROOF

Examples:

Primary Sources: record of an event made by a participant or eyewitness at or near the time of the event.

Military records

Enlistment

Discharge

Pension

Vital Records

Birth Certificate

Marriage Certificate

Death Certificate

Church Records

Court Records

Land records

Probate records

Tax records

Official government records

Secondary Sources: Record of an event made long after event from hearsay statement.

Bible record

Include copy of publishing page showing date of publication

Entry should be contemporary with publication date of Bible or event

Census records

Include copy of headings

Cemetery records

Organization records

G.A.R etc

Obituaries

Diary entries

Journals

Private papers

Reminiscences

Newspaper clippings

Include name of paper, location, date of publication and page

Veteran's name: _____
Dates Served: _____
Military Unit served in: _____
Dates and Counties of residence in Illinois: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF APPLICANT (as it is to appear on the certificate)

PERMISSION RELEASE

I hereby give permission to the Illinois State Genealogical Society to reproduce the material herein submitted for the World War I Veteran Certificate for their publication and micro filming projects.

Day, Month, Year: _____ Signature _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY STRAIGHT-LINE LINEAGE CHART

(Please Print or type)

Generation 1. Name of World War I Ancestor:

Generation 2. Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Generation 3. Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Generation 4. Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

Generation 5. Their Child: _____ Was my _____

Born: _____ at _____

Died: _____ at _____

Married to: _____ on _____

at _____

(For additional generation – see back of form)

Generation 6. Their Child: _____ **Was my** _____

Born: _____ **at** _____

Died: _____ **at** _____

Married to: _____ **on** _____

at _____

Name of Applicant: _____