

Applying for the Sons & Daughters of the U.S. Middle Passage

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From the website:

Why should I become a member?

Membership in the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage (SDUSMP) honors and preserves the legacy of your ancestor(s). For around two hundred and fifty years, your ancestors endured the cruelties of slavery to emerge resilient in their pursuit of freedom and equality. We applaud their bravery, strength, great faith, skill, ingenuity, undying hope, and persistence. We believe they were driven by the hopes for their own freedom and the freedom of their descendants. We are the freedom they dreamed about and we celebrate each other.

We, their descendants, also owe them our very lives. As a member of SDUSMP, through participation in the Society's various programs and activities, you can honor this legacy by actively supporting historic preservation, promotion of education, and patriotic activities.

Membership Requirements:

Any person is eligible for legatee membership in the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage (SDUSMP) who is not less than eighteen years of age and who can prove lineal descent from a man, woman, or child who is of African descent and was forced into slavery, including indentured servitude, in the United States of America, including its colonial days, prior to the end of slavery as marked by the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, effective December 1865.

Membership Dues:

For the initial application, a fee of \$65 must be enclosed. The \$65.00 is composed of a \$40.00 application fee and \$25.00 for current annual dues.

Basic Steps to complete the application

- Understand the requirements for membership
- Identify your honored ancestor
- Get organized

- Document each generation with vital records and other acceptable records to prove:
 - **Birth**
 - **Death**
 - **Marriage and spouse**
 - **Parent/child relationship (generational link)**
- Complete application and submit

References

Sons & Daughters of the United Middle Passage

<https://sdusmp.org/>

Society of the First African Families of English American

<https://sofafea.org/>

What is Google Drive – A Guide to Navigating Google’s File Storage Service and Collaborative Tools

<https://www.businessinsider.com/what-is-google-drive-guide>

Genealogy Standards

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=genealogy+standards%2C+second+edition+revised+2021&crd=30QJ6MSWISUIN&sprefix=genealogy+standards%2Caps%2C396&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_19

Citations: A Guide to Creating Proper Source Citations

<https://stlqs.org/resources/on-this-site/citations-a-guide-to-creating-proper-source-citations>

Special Resources for Black and African American Genealogy

<https://sdusmp.org/genealogical-resources/>

Seven Steps to Finding Your Enslaved Ancestors

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/heritage/african-american/finding-slave-ancestors/>

Federal Records That Help Identify Formerly Enslaved People and Slave Holders

<https://www.archives.gov/files/calendar/genealogy-fair/2018/2-kluskens-handout.pdf>

How To Trace Your Ancestors as Slaves by Nicka Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7k-jbncWiq0>

Documenting the Enslaved in Your Family Tree – Ancestry.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URrn71yOQzY>

Newly Digitized Freedmen's Bureau Records Help Black Americans Trace Their Ancestors

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/new-database-helps-descendants-enslaved-research-their-ancestors-180978522/>

United States Vital Records

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Vital_Records

Alabama Department of Archives and History

<https://archives.alabama.gov/>

The Beyond Kin Project (recruits the resources and efforts of descendants of slave holders)

<https://beyondkin.org/>