

THE 3.905 CENTURY CLUB, INC.
DICTIONARY AWARD APPLICATION
(EACH BAND/MODE INDIVIDUALLY)
(NOT ENDORSEABLE)

The Dictionary Award is earned by accumulating 100 points for contacts with call signs that spell out words having three or more letters. This award may be earned **only** once for each band/mode combination for which **The 3905 Century Club, Inc.** operates a net.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. All contacts must be made on **The 3905 Century Club, Inc.** nets and must be on the same band and mode.
2. Contacts worked before the introduction of this award are good for this award, and contacts used previously on any other award may be reused for this award.
3. You must hold a 100-point certificate for the band/mode corresponding to the application you are submitting.
4. The Dictionary Award Certificate will be issued when 100 points are accumulated and verified based on the criteria below.
5. For the purpose of this award a call sign consists of up to three parts in the order illustrated below. If a QSL card shows the call **and its modifiers** in a different order, it **must** be reordered on the application form as **shown** below

Portable Prefix / Basic Call Sign / Modifier
Example: KP4 / AB5LUM / P

6. Portable prefixes may not be used unless **operating** outside the country issuing the basic call sign.
7. The modifiers /M or /P may be written on the application and used as part of your claimed words provided the QSL card submitted contains a clear indication the contact was made while the other party was either mobile or portable. State designators such as "CA" in the example following are not a part of the call sign for the purposes of this award.

Examples: "KC4RA/6 mobile CA" becomes KC4RA/M,
"KT4RA/4 portable" becomes KT4RA/P.
"KF5TO/7" with no other indication is considered to be /P.

8. Words must be formed from consecutive characters from the call sign in the same order as in the call sign, ignoring digits or punctuation, and must contain three or more letters. At your option you may interpret the digits **0**, **1** and **5** as the letters **O**, **I** and **S** respectively. No other number/letter substitutions are permitted.
9. Valid 3-letter words are worth 1 point.
Examples: W6SAM (SAM), KH6AM (HAM), W0W (WOW), WF1MP (IMP), W5EWX (SEW), WA5YNE (WAS), WD1CAT (CAT), WR1PR (RIP), W5HOW (WHO, HOW).
10. Valid 4-letter words are worth 2 points.
Examples: KB00KS (BOOK), KD7EAF (DEAF), WR1PE (RIPE), W5HOW (SHOW).
11. Valid words of 5 or more letters are worth 5 points.
Examples: KB00KS (BOOKS), WA5YNE (WAYNE), KN1GHT (KNIGHT), WO0FER (WOOFER), WR1TER (WRITER).

12. If a single call sign contains multiple valid words, all words will be allowed.
Examples: KB00KS (BOO, BOOK, BOOKS). W6CAR/P (CAR and CARP).
13. The same word may be used only once on any one application for this award, but may be used again on a different application for this award for a different band/mode. Words that are spelled the same are the same; i.e., BOW (shoots arrows) and BOW (front of a boat) are the same word.
14. Special event calls may be used if they form valid words.
Examples: W0W, W1T.
15. Proper first names and nicknames of **persons**, and names of **places** may be used. They do **not** have to be in a dictionary. The decisions of the Awards Managers regarding names, nicknames, and place names are final.

Examples: W1BOB, K9TOM, W0MAR (Omar), KA6MAL (Kamal), WE4RIE (Erie), K1EV (Kiev), K1ARL (Karl).
16. Abbreviations and acronyms are not acceptable.

Examples: KB4AGC, W3UHF, K9VAC, N4ASA, K3FBI, WA6MHZ, K4UMP.
17. Misspellings, common or otherwise, are not acceptable.

Examples: WM1UNY (MONEY), K9SAS (SASS), KN1TE (NIGHT).
18. Except for first names, nicknames, and place names, all words used toward this award must be found in a dictionary of the English language. In case of a dispute, the reference dictionary will be *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Edition*, and it will be the applicant's responsibility to provide photocopied pages showing the disputed word is valid and that the specified dictionary was used.
19. Applicants are **very strongly encouraged** to submit extra words past those required to achieve the basic 100 points as replacements for possible disallowed words so that appeals may be avoided.
20. A good rule of thumb for applicants is, "If in doubt, don't use it." A good rule of thumb for Awards Managers is, "If in doubt, look it up in the dictionary."

More examples of some call signs containing valid words:

W0HOG, W1CAT, K9TOT, K6FUN, KA9BAD, WB0OB, K1DS, K1ARL, K1NAN, K1ROD, K3JOE, K5DUG, K6HIP, K7ZOO, KA7SAG, KB1CUB, KB3HID, KD5BED, KD6OWN, KH6CAB, KJ9AY, WH6DAN, WD9ON, WB9NET, WB8BUN, WA5JAN, WA2JIM, W9JAY, W7MAT, WO8HIO, WT8WIN, WM0M, AB0ZO, W0E, W1TH, W1DOW, K1HOT, WM0NEY, KC0GAG, W0MAN, KP4/AB5LUM/P (PABLUM, SLUM, SLUMP, LUMP)

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:

1. After first assuring that each card used toward this award conforms to all of the requirements above, refer to the standard instructions contained in the application for the 100-Point Award, or on our web site (Awards Program, General Information), or included with this application if it was obtained by postal mail, for submitting applications and paying awards/endorsement fees.
2. Please list your words down the first "Word" column of the application form. Enter the call sign from the corresponding QSL card in the "Call Sign" column to the right of each word. Enter the points for each word in the "Pts" column. When you complete one column, begin again with the

next column, until you have accumulated 100 points. Skip a line after 100 points, after which you may (not required) continue listing a few extra words, calls, and points as a hedge against any disallowed words. (This practice is **very strongly encouraged**.) Be sure to skip a line after 100 points as an aid to those checking your application. Place your confirming QSL cards in the order in which they first occur in the column listings.

PLEASE MAIL IN ONLY THE LAST PAGE OF THIS DOCUMENT WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION !!!

GOOD LUCK !!!

HAVE FUN !!!

