

America 250 Award Rules

The **America 250 Award** commemorates the **250th Anniversary of the United States** and encourages amateur radio operators around the world to make contacts with stations across America.

Award Period

January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026 (UTC)

Award Requirements

To earn the **America 250 Award**, an operator must accumulate **250 points**.

Points are awarded as follows:

- **5 points** for each QSO with any amateur radio station located in the United States.
- **10 points** for each QSO with a **K2 special event station** participating in the **13 Colonies Special Event**.

Band and Mode Credits

Contacts with the same station may be counted multiple times, provided they are made on **different bands** or in **different modes**.

For award purposes, the following mode categories are used:

- **Phone** – all voice modes (SSB, AM, FM, etc.)
- **CW**
- **Digital** – all digital modes are considered a single mode category (including FT8, FT4, RTTY, PSK31, JS8Call, Olivia, MFSK, and others).

Examples:

- K1ABC on **20m SSB** and **40m SSB** = **2 valid QSOs**
- K1ABC on **20m SSB** and **20m CW** = **2 valid QSOs**
- K1ABC on **20m FT8** and **20m RTTY** = **1 valid QSO** (both are Digital)
- K1ABC on **20m FT8** and **40m FT8** = **2 valid QSOs**

Award

Operators who accumulate **250 points** during the award period are eligible to receive the **America 250 Award** certificate.

Good luck, and enjoy celebrating **America's 250th Anniversary** on the air!