

# **“First in the Nation” 250th Anniversary Award Rules**

**January 2–10, 2026**

To celebrate the **250th anniversary of the New Hampshire Constitution of 1776**, amateur radio operators worldwide are invited to participate in the First in the Nation Special Event Award program.

The New Hampshire Constitution of January 5, 1776, predates the United States itself. It functioned as the first written framework for an independent government in any of the original colonies. This anniversary marks **250 years since New Hampshire led the way**, earning the motto “First in the Nation” not only for elections but also for establishing governance grounded in representation and civil liberties.

## **Award Requirements**

To qualify for the award, operators must collect **at least 250 points** during the event period.

## **Point Structure**

- **N1H** – 100 points
- **N1N** – 100 points
- **Any other New Hampshire station participating in the event** – 50 points each

QSOs may be made on any band and mode, subject to operator license privileges.

## **Operating Dates**

**January 2, 2026 – January 10, 2026 (UTC)**

All contacts must occur within the event period to be eligible.

## **Certificates**

Operators who reach **250 points or more** will receive a **free digital certificate** through HAMLOG.

New Hampshire operators who upload at least 50 QSOs to HAMLOG during the eligibility period will receive a free paper certificate.

## Duplicate Rules

- Dups **allowed** on different **bands**.
- Dups **allowed** on different **modes** (all digi modes count as one mode).

Each valid QSO will automatically award the appropriate points in HAMLOG.

