



# Starting a new chapter of Clan MacMillan North Central States

Clan MacMillan North Central States (CMNCS) is an approved branch of Clan MacMillan International (CMI) and is made up of chapters located within CMNCS's geographic purview. These chapters help promote CMI, represent our heritage regionally, build relationships with their communities and encourage new member participation.

Our current chapters (located in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri) were formed by people with interested family members or who saw great potential in their area – through population size and popular events like Highland fairs and Scottish games, which indicates a large Scottish presence. We have been grateful for their leadership, to keep our heritage alive.

CMNCS is open to adding new chapters. Please review the following considerations and benefits of becoming a chapter before applying. Inquiries about forming a whole new branch (like CMNCS) should be directed to CMI.

If, after reviewing this piece, you are interested in becoming a chapter, [submit your request to the CMNCS President for review](#), and please respond to the considerations and ways you can help support CMNCS and CMI, as noted below. Thank you!



## Considerations for starting a new chapter of CMNCS:

**Scottish presence in the area** – are there annual or regular events happening in the area where Clan MacMillan can be represented? Is there a significant population of Scottish descendants or interested MacMillan family members to start such a chapter?

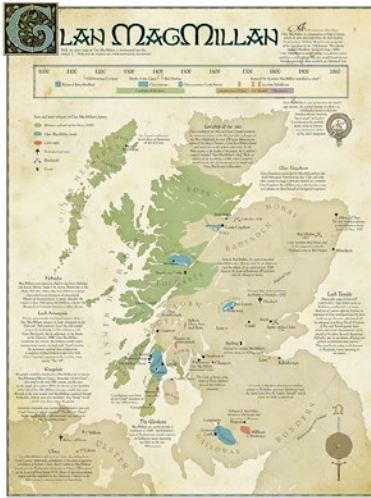
**Leadership interest** – is someone in your area willing to take the lead (i.e., become an active CMNCS member and Convenor for your chapter) and work with CMNCS to coordinate branch activities at the local level?

**Future plans** – what ideas do you have for representing Clan MacMillan into the future, and how would you want CMNCS to assist? How might you work to help us to grow our branch membership?

## Benefits of becoming a chapter of CMNCS:

**Funding** – based on the financial health of our organization (raised through annual membership dues), we work to support event costs, such as booths or table space (after your first year as a chapter). Requests for assistance should be made as early as possible to determine the availability of funds. These requests will be reviewed and voted on by the officers of CMNCS and CMI.





Map of Clan MacMillan lands in Scotland and Ireland, 17" x 21".

Map of migration routes of Scottish Highlanders and Scots-Irish to the American Colonies, 17" x 21".



QR code linking to the [Clan MacMillan International](http://ClanMacMillanInternational.org) home page. A QR code is also used where applicable to the homepage of our [CMNCS](http://CMNCS.org) branch.

A "cheat sheet" listing common attendee questions and answers.

**Branch representation** – each chapter designates a Convenor who will have the opportunity to: 1) represent your group, and 2) participate in CMNCS branch meetings and other official business. The Convenor must be an active, dues-paying member of CMNCS.

**Ways your chapter can help support:**

**Promote** – raise awareness of Clan MacMillan, and create an environment of substance in your area. This might include hosting a table or booth at Scottish events and posting on social media (i.e. joining CMNCS and CMI Facebook pages and posting periodically). Optionally, organize periodic local gatherings and activities for your chapter members.

**Recruit new members** – [encourage new members of CMNCS](#). Dues-paying members allow us to fund certain chapter activity costs. CMNCS members may also want to [join CMI](#).

**Communicate** – submit to CMNCS upcoming calendar events in your area, as well as articles and photos from recent events, for our biannual newsletter publication, *Plaid Tidings*. Doing so will keep all CMNCS members updated about the exciting things happening around our region and in your area. Submit other stories of interest about local MacMillan history.

**Participate in events** – provide the basic table and booth materials, and a tent, if needed. (If cost is a hardship, please let us know.) Also, gather volunteers to help share the good news about Clan MacMillan!

If you have any questions please [email Mike McMillen](#).

