



VFW Department of Illinois

JROTC Cadet of the Year Criteria & Nomination Form

The VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award provides special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior ROTC Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve our country.

Criteria:

Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

1. A positive attitude toward the JROTC program
2. Outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform
3. Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement)
4. Patriotism (Commander or member of the color guard, drill team with or without arms, flag protocol instruction team, and actively promote Americanism). Shows devotion to school, community, America. An individual who practices service through repeated acts of support.
5. Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation).
6. Growth and potential (capable of assuming high leadership responsibilities in JROTC Unit with additional training and experience).
7. Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
 - a. Attainment of a grade of "B" (or higher) in JROTC with an overall average of "C" (or higher) in all subjects for the previous semester. Must not have a failing grade in any subject for that period of time.
 - b. Must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club: i.e. music, athletics, student government, junior achievement, etc.
 - c. Must not have been a previous recipient of the award.

Eligibility: Any 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student that is currently enrolled as a JROTC Cadet, actively engaged in the JROTC program, and who meets the criteria for the award.

Procedure: A sponsoring VFW Post must complete the VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Nomination Form provided on the next page. The completed nomination form is due to Department Headquarters with all supporting documentation by April 30.

Award: The selected Cadet of the Year will be invited to attend the State Convention in June to receive their award. The sponsoring Post will be responsible for any transportation and lodging expenses associated with their attendance at State Convention.

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JROTC Cadet of the Year Nomination Form

Students Name: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Number of Years in JROTC _____ Recommendation of the instructor: _____

Other Clubs/Programs Involved in: _____

Please attach the following:

1. A copy of your most current transcript
2. Recommendation letter (as many as possible) from your community, teachers, and fellow students
3. A self-written letter regarding your accomplishments and listed in the qualifications criteria.
4. Any other documentation needed.

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____

*Signing this letter releases us to be able to print your name in general communication and possible pictures.

Post Information:

Post Number _____ Point of Contact: _____

Chairman/Commander: (print & Sign) _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

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