



VFW Cadet of the Year

Program Information



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia is honored to award special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Cadets who take part in JROTC, Naval Sea Cadets, or Civil Air Patrol Cadets programs. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

Criteria: Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

- A. Positive attitude toward the Cadet program
- B. Outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform
- C. Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement).
- D. Patriotism (commander or member of 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.
- E. Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation).
- F. Growth potential (capable of assuming high leadership responsibilities in Cadet Unit with additional training and experience).
- G. Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
 - Attainment of a grade of "B" in JROTC, Sea Cadet, or Civil Air Patrol curriculum with an overall average of "C" in all subjects for the previous semester. Must not have a failing grade in any subject for the current academic year.
 - Must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club: i.e. music, athletics, student government, junior achievement, etc.
 - Must not have been a previous recipient of the award.

Eligibility: Any 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student that is currently enrolled as a Cadet active-ly engaged in a JROTC, Sea Cadet, or Air Patrol program, and one who meets the criteria for the award.

Procedure: Award Nomination Form Submitted to local VFW Post

Make sure that the nomination is submitted to the local VFW Post before the contest deadline of **March XXXX**. Entries sent to the VFW Department Headquarters directly will be returned.



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Youth Cadet Awards Program:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia is honored to award special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership are available for JROTC programs, Naval Sea Cadets programs, and Civil Air Patrol Cadets programs. If any of these programs exist in your community, these awards provide your Post an outstanding opportunity to honor these patriotic young people.

Submission dates:

- Due to Post by 12 Feb 2027
- Due to State by 5 Mar 2027

Awards:

Post VFW Cadets of the Year will be invited to accept their awards at ceremonies conducted by the sponsoring Post.

The State VFW Cadet of the Year Award is presented to the Post sponsoring the State's first place JROTC Cadet, Naval Sea Cadet, or Civil Air Patrol Cadet winner. This award will be presented to the winning Cadet at a Post or District meeting or at an agreed up-on local venue.