



VFW JROTC

Cadet of the Year

Program Information



VFW award for 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 their country.

Criteria: Possession of individual characteristics contributing to leadership including:

- A. Positive attitude toward the JROTC 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 JROTC Unit with additional training and experience).
- G. Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
 - Attainment of a grade of "B" in JROTC with an overall average of "C" in all subjects for the previous semester. Must not have a failing grade in any subject for that period of time.
 - 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 JROTC Cadet actively engaged in the JROTC program, and one who meets the criteria for the award.

Procedure: Award Nomination Form Submitted to VFW

Make sure that the nomination is submitted to the local VFW Post before the contest deadline of **Feb 12th**. You can submit the Nomination form by email upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to the VFW National Headquarters directly will be returned.



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Youth Cadet Awards Program:

VFW awards for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership are available for Junior and Senior ROTC programs, Naval Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol Cadets. 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
- Due to District by 1 Mar
- Due to State by 1 Apr
- Due to National by 1 May

Awards:

Post and District VFW JROTC Cadets of the Year will be invited to accept their awards at ceremonies conducted by the sponsoring Post and/or District.

The State VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Award is presented to the Post sponsoring the State's first place JROTC, Sea Cadet, and/or Civil Air Patrol winner and is presented at the Winter Council of Administration Banquet. This award will be presented to the winning Cadet at a Post or District meeting or at an agreed upon local venue.

National VFW JROTC Cadet of the year will receive a trip the National VFW convention to accept the award. Recipient will receive airfare and lodging for two nights.