

2024-2025 JROTC Cadet of the Year Program

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

A sponsoring VFW Post must complete the VFW JROTC Cadet of the Year Nomination Form provided separately on this program page. The completed Post nomination form is due to the Department Chairman with all supporting documentation by March, 31, 2025.

The Cadet of the Year selected by the Department for nomination to National will receive a plaque at the 2025 State Convention and a \$500 scholarship.

The sponsoring Post will receive a citation.

The selected Cadet of the Year will be invited by the Department Director to attend the State Convention to receive their award. The sponsoring Post will be 100% responsible for any transportation and lodging expenses associated with their attendance at State Convention.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM RECOGNITION:

1. In addition to the JROTC Cadet of the Year Awards Program, the VFW provides awards for special recognition of Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Leadership to JROTC program Cadets, 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.

2. Criteria for Civil Air Patrol and Naval Sea Cadets:

- *Good academic standing
- *Satisfactory progress in the Cadet Program
- *Outstanding achievement in Community Service and/or the Cadet Program
- *Outstanding Leadership in the Cadet program
- *High moral character
- *Exceptional professionalism in appearance and actions (Officer Award)
- *Outstanding Military Bearing and Conduct in and out of Uniform (NCO Award)
- *Involvement in Patriotic Programs, Drill Team, Color Guard, etc.
- *Demonstrated potential and willingness to assume higher levels of responsibility

3. Additional Criteria for JROTC Awards:

- *Positive attitude toward the JROTC program.
- *Must be enrolled as a 10th - 12th grade JROTC student.
- *Active in at least one other student extra-curricular activity (Music, Athletics, Government, etc.).

The above awards may be obtained by contacting VFW Department Headquarters with identifying information of the awardee.

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