

ALL STATE CRITERIA FOR TEACHER AWARD

- Each post needs to submit 1 Teacher Award nominee to District
 - may send up to 3, one from each category: K-5, 6-8 and 9-12
 - Teaching national pride & citizenship education topics regularly
 - Promote America's history, traditions, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism

TEACHER AWARD FORMS

- Visit VFW Dept. of SC site: vfwsc.org
 - Click: Programs
 - Click: Teacher of the Year

- This Link includes:
 - Teacher Award Rules and Eligibility
 - Teacher Entry Form

TEACHER NOMINATION FORM

- Recommend pre-filling post info on applications prior to handing them out
- Ensure application form is completely filled out when it is turned in to post
- All nominations must include a nomination form; a one page resume or up to five pages of supporting documentation

JUDGING

- Post level judges can be determined by each individual post
- Create a list of judges well before post deadline (Oct 31st)
 - Teachers, post officers (VFW and VFW Auxiliary), school administrators, local politicians, local business owners, etc.

Judging Criteria

- Citizenship (1-25 points): encourages/models good citizenship and community involvement?
- Innovation (1-25 points): what new ideas, new tools, new resources, and new approaches does the teacher utilize in the classroom? Does this teacher's effort reflect an ongoing desire to stimulate the students with new things?
- Resources (1-25 points): demonstrates an ability to identify and utilize new and exceptional resources to fund, facilitate and provide materials for his/her classroom? Does this teacher tap into outside agencies, organizations and individuals to acquire materials and expertise in the classroom?
- Passion (1-25 points): Are they regularly seeking to upgrade their skills? Do they try and find ways to encourage their students? Do they take a personal interest in their student's individual success?

WINNING NOMINATIONS

- Posts can determine prizes: bring positive attention to your post
 - Certificate of Appreciation
 - Check: \$50-\$100 (option: use Relief Fund)
 - Present awards publicly; invite guests
 - Announce your winner: Facebook, newspaper, radio, etc.
 - Include Post and District Cdr in an award presentation ceremony (i.e. at school, VFW mtg, town council mtg, etc.)

DEADLINES: POST

- All nominations due to posts by 10/31/2022 for post judging
- Post judging must occur within the two week period; due to District by 11/15/2022
- Winning nomination(s) must be received by District Teacher Chairman by 11/15/2022
 - Posts may submit up to three Teacher Award Nominees (one per category: K-5, 6-8, 9-12)

DEADLINES: DISTRICTS

- Districts due date is 11/15/2022
 - Districts **MUST FOLLOW UP WITH POSTS** to improve participation from 2021

- Top three winners chosen by each District (K-5, 6-8 & 9-12) must submit:
nomination form; one page resume OR up to 5 pages of supporting documentation; headshot is optional at District Level.

DEADLINE: DEPARTMENT

- Districts will submit three winners to Dept. (one per category: K-5, 6-8, & 8-12); due to HQ or Dept. Teacher Award Chairman by 12/15/2022
 - Must include headshots, nomination form & resume or supporting documentation
 - Entries may be mailed or hand-delivered to VFW HQ; must be received by 12/15/2022
 - Entries sent to Dept. Chairman must be received by 12/5/2022

DEADLINES RECAP

- Posts: received at post by 10/31/2022
- Districts: delivered to District by 11/15/2022
- Department: delivered to Dept. by 12/15/2022 (include headshots and supporting info)
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