

# DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA



CRITERIA FOR THE

FOLLOWING AWARD

## **Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, Grade levels: K-5, 6-8 and/or 9-12**

### **Candidates Must Have Demonstrated:**

- Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve
- Instilling national pride and civic responsibility in students
- Teach citizenship education topics regularly (i.e. patriotism)
- Promote America's history and traditions (i.e. flag etiquette)

### **Documentation Required For All Candidates:**

- Fully completed nomination application: [vfwsc.org](http://vfwsc.org)
  - Search: Programs; Teacher of the Year
- 1-5 pages of documented accomplishments (i.e. newspaper articles, Letter(s) of Recommendation, etc.)
- Optional: photographs demonstrating patriotism
- **All-State requirement:** posts must submit one nomination (posts may submit up to three entries: one entry per grade level)

### **Dept. Winner from each Category will receive:**

- \$250 cash award, trophy and a National Teacher Citation
- Awards will be presented to the three winning teachers at their schools; Post Commander, District Commander & Teacher Chairman will be in attendance.

### **Nomination Deadlines:**

- Nominations must arrive at VFW Posts **by 10/ 31/ 2021**
- Nominations due to each District Chairman **by 11/15/2021**
  - Each District will submit one entry per grade level
  - Each of the three District level winners will be required to submit a headshot and a resume
- Nominations due to Dept. Teacher Chairman **by 12/5/2021**