

LAST YEAR WE ONLY HAD 35%
PARTICIPATION IN THE
TEACHER AWARD PROGRAM

WE CAN DO BETTER IN 2021!

DISTRICTS ARE THE KEY
TO ENSURING
AN IMPROVEMENT.

TEACHERS DESERVE TO BE
RECOGNIZED!

ALL STATE CRITERIA FOR TEACHER AWARD

- Each post needs to submit 1 nominee
 - 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

- National did not have application form ready in time for this PP Presentation

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

- Visit National site: vfw.org
 - Community
 - Youth and Education
 - Teacher of the Year

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
- Optional: photographs of teacher promoting patriotism and/or working with students

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.
- Suggestion: use the Judging Score Sheet in the Commander Guide Book & on vfwsc.org

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 10/31/2021 for post judging
- Post judging must occur within the two week period, prior to District Due Date 11/15/2021
- Winning nomination(s) must be received by District Teacher Chairman by 11/15/2021
 - Posts may submit up to three Teacher Award Nominees (one per category: K-5, 6-8, 9-12)

DEADLINES: DISTRICTS

- Districts must receive each post's winning nomination(s) by 11/15/2021
 - Districts **MUST FOLLOW UP WITH POSTS** to improve participation from 2020

- Top three winners chosen by each District (K-5, 6-8 & 9-12) will be required to submit headshots and resumes before being sent to Dept.
 - National requirement
 - Headshots and resumes will be obtained by posts with winning entries; entries without these requirements will not be judged

DEADLINE: DEPARTMENT

- Districts will each submit three winners to Dept. (one per category: K-5, 6-8, & 8-12); due to Dept. Teacher Award Chairman by 12/5/2021
 - Must include headshots & resumes
 - Entries may be mailed or hand-delivered to VFW HQ; must be received by 12/5/2021
 - Entries sent to Dept. Chairman must be received by 12/5/2021

DEADLINES RECAP

- Posts: received at post by 10/31/2021
- Districts: received from posts by 11/15/2021
- Department: received from Districts by 12/5/2021 (include headshots and resumes)
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