

**Department of Pennsylvania
Veterans of Foreign Wars
JROTC Cadet of the Year Award
2023 - 2024**

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(s) 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.

State Deadlines for the 2023 - 2024 for JROTC Cadet of the Year Award

- 1.) 15 March, 2024 - Student Deadline Entry is at Midnight at Post level.
- 2.) 10 April, 2024 - Post judging completed.
- 3.) 20 April 2024 - District judging completed.
- 4.) 1 May 2024 - District Winner Entry Form and all documents must be at Department Headquarters.

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Department will submit nominee to National no later than May 12th.

Award From National:

National JROTC Cadet of the Year will receive a trip to the National VFW Convention to accept the award. The recipient will receive airfare and lodging for two nights.



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JROTC Nomination Form
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Name of the Nominee: _____

Nominee's Grade Level: _____ Nominee's JROTC Unit: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____ Nominee's email: _____

Post Making the Nomination: _____ District #: _____

Name of Person Nominating the Candidate: _____

On a separate sheet, provide a brief description of how the nominee:

- Displays a positive attitude toward the JROTC program
- Displays outstanding military bearing and conduct both in and out of uniform
- Describe their personal attributes (such as self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement).
- Exhibits Patriotism (by serving as 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(s) who practices service through repeated acts of support.
- Exhibits Courtesy (dependability, punctuality, human relations, respect, cooperation).
- Growth potential (capable of assuming high leadership responsibilities in JROTC Unit with additional training and experience).
- Demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement.
- Attach a school transcript that shows 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.
- The nominee must be active in at least one other student co-curricular activity or club: i.e., music, athletics, student government, junior achievement, etc. (provide documentation)
- The nominee must not have been a previous recipient of the award.

Post / District winners are due to Commander Gyger at djc57@verizon.net by 1 May 2024.



