

VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please photocopy or cut out and attach to nomination essay.

Nominated Teacher

Name: _____

Subject and grade taught: _____

Current school: _____

School address: _____

School phone #: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please describe (type or print) in 350 words or less why you feel your nominee should be selected for the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, then sign the nomination statement.

Submit nomination materials to your local VFW Post. Check your phone book for locations. DO NOT send to VFW National Headquarters.

_____ Number of words in essay (not to exceed 350). Please provide this information.

Person Submitting Entry

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date submitted: _____

Signature: _____

Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by November 1.

Identify and recognize America's best educators. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve?

Now you can.



For more information, contact your local VFW Post or its Ladies Auxiliary or visit our Web site.
www.vfwscholarships.org

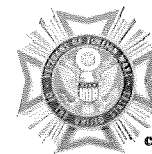
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
(816) 756-3390
E-Mail: kharmer@vfw.org
www.vfw.org

Local VFW Post Information

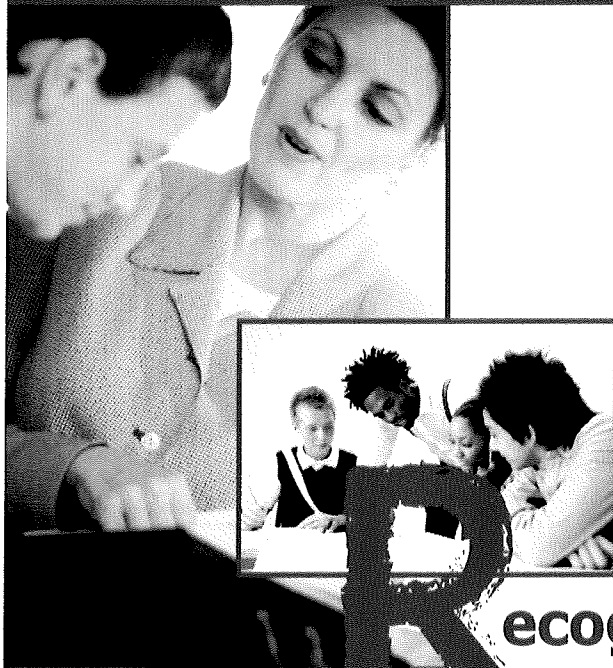
VFW Honors America's Teachers



NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION
Teacher Award
GRADES K-12



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



Recognize teachers who care about America

VFW Cares About Education

Founded in 1899, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is concerned with the education of America's youth. VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to this endeavor. VFW's Citizenship Education program stimulates interest in America's history, traditions, institutions, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. VFW offers cash awards, commemorative plaques and all-expenses-paid trips to a national VFW conference for these worthy teachers. The trip will provide an opportunity for winners to exchange ideas.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can.

Promoting Citizenship Education

VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly teaching (at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor him or her today with the VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

How Does the Contest Work?

Based on the nominees submitted, VFW's local chapters, called Posts, will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts then submit these winners' names to their District-level judging, who will forward their winners to the Department (or state) level. After judging, each Department then forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

Who is eligible?

All current classroom teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous state and national VFW winners are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

How are teachers nominated?

Fill out the nomination form contained in this brochure. In 350 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. Please submit your completed nomination form and signed essay to your local VFW Post. Check the phone book for Post locations or call VFW's Citizenship Education Department at (816) 756-3390 to find the Post nearest to you.

All Post-level nominees, if they win, should provide a one-page resume, up to five pages of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves.

When is the deadline?

Nominations must be received by November 1 by your local VFW Posts, which conduct judging from November 2-15.

What are the National awards?

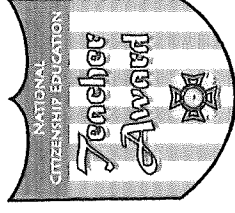
VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Conference.

Nominate Someone Deserving

Have a teacher in mind? Fill out the nomination form and submit it to **your local VFW Post**. The investment that a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders.

Post Teacher Entry Form



(Make a copy for each category winner.)

Post Winners Section

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Address/PO Box (City, State, Zip) _____

Home Phone () _____

Social Security Number _____

Grade level you teach K-5 6-8 9-12

Name of School _____

School's Phone () _____

School's Address/PO Box (City/State/Zip) _____

Post winner must provide a one page resume (no more than two sides), up to 5 pages of documentation (news articles or supervisors recommendations) and a good quality head and shoulders photo (no low grade computer printouts) to substantiate his/her nomination to the Post Chairman who will forward the packet to District Chairman.

Post/Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher named above is the duly selected Post winner of the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program in his/her grade level category and is our Post's authorized entry into the District finals. Deadline: On or about November 15, 2010 to District Chairman/designated District representative.

Signature of Post Commander/Chairman _____ VFW Post No. () _____ Phone () _____

Post Address/PO Box (City/St/Zip) _____

Signature of Ladies Auxiliary President/Chairman _____ Ladies Auxiliary No. _____ Phone () _____

Ladies Aux. Address/PO Box (City/St/Zip) _____

Total number of schools participating: _____ Total number of teacher nominations for all categories: _____

Total dollar amount spent by Post/Ladies Auxiliary for awards for all categories and other (citations, gifts, medals, banquet):

\$ _____

District/Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher named above is the duly selected District winner of the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in his/her grade level category and is our District's entry into the Department finals. Deadline for all District entries to Department is December 15, 2010. Must include the Post winner's original application, essay, resume and up to five pages of documentation and a good quality head and shoulders photo (no low grade computer printouts).

Signature of VFW Dist. Commander/Chairman _____ Dist. No. _____ Phone () _____

Address/PO Box (City/St/Zip) _____

Signature of Ladies Auxiliary Dist. President/Chairman _____ Dist. No. _____ Phone () _____

Address/PO Box (City/St/Zip) _____

Total number of schools participating: _____

Total number of teacher nominations for all categories: _____

List all Posts participating in program: _____

Total dollar amount spent by Posts/Auxiliaries for awards for all categories and other (citations, gifts, medals, banquet):
\$ _____

VFW Department Commander/Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher listed above is the duly selected winner of the 2010 – 2011 National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in our Department in his/her grade level and is our sole official entry into the National Judging. January 15, 2011 is the deadline for all Department entries to National Citizenship Education Department. VFW National Headquarters, 406 W 34 St, Kansas City, MO 64111. No extensions permitted.

I hereby certify that our teacher HAS BEEN or WILL BE (circle one) notified that they are the first place state winner in their grade level on the following date _____
REMEMBER: National Headquarters will contact your winner and Department Adjutant if he/she is selected as the National Winner.

Signature of Dept. Commander/Chairman _____

Phone () _____

Address/PO Box (City/St/Zip) _____

Note: Be sure this form is entirely completed before sending to National Headquarters with your state winner's original nomination form, essay, one page resume, up to five pages of documentation and a good quality head and shoulders photograph (no low grade computer printouts). Remember this form is due back to VFW National Headquarters Citizenship Education Department by January 15, 2011.