

2025-2026 VFW Cadet of the Year Award Nomination Form

Due to Department Chairman by March, 31, 2026

This is a VFW award for special recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership for Junior Cadets. This award seeks to recognize a remarkable cadet who will become a leader in their community and serve their country.

1. Youth Cadet Awards Program – VFW awards for special recognition of Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Leadership are available for JROTC Program, Naval Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol Cadets. If any of these programs exist in your community, these awards provide your Post an outstanding opportunity to honor these patriotic young people.

2. Criteria for Civil Air Patrol and Naval Sea Cadets:

- *Good academic standing
- *Satisfactory progress in the Cadet Program
- *Outstanding achievement in Community Service and/or the Cadet Program
- *Outstanding Leadership in the Cadet program
- *High moral character
- *Exceptional professionalism in appearance and actions (Officer Award)
- *Outstanding Military Bearing and Conduct in and out of Uniform (NCO Award)
- *Involvement in Patriotic Programs, Drill Team, Color Guard, etc.
- *Demonstrated potential and willingness to assume higher levels of responsibility

3. Additional Criteria for JROTC Awards:

- *Positive attitude toward the JROTC program.
- Must be enrolled as a 10th - 12th grade JROTC student.
- Active in at least one other student extra-curricular activity (Music, Athletics, Government, etc.).

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VFW Cadet of the Year

Students Name: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Cadet Program: _____

Address: Street/PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Number of Years in Cadet Program _____ Recommendation of the instructor: _____

Other Clubs/Programs Involved in: _____

Please attach the following:

A copy of your most current transcript

Recommendation letter (as many as possible) from your community, teachers, and fellow students

A self-written letter regarding your accomplishments and listed in the qualifications criteria.

Any other documentation needed.

Submitted by: Post _____ Individual _____

Signature: _____

*Signing this letter releases us to be able to print your name in general communication and possible pictures.

Post Information:

Post Number _____ Point of Contact: _____

Chairman/Commander: (print & Sign) _____

Post Contact Information:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____