

## NEWS & VIEWS

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The Following Information is to help you plan now, for what you need to do to achieve All State status, please do not wait until March 15<sup>th</sup>!!!

ALL STATE ELIGIBILITY: Listed below is a reminder of the new Minimum Requirements for All State Judging.

Every Post Commander and Quartermaster who meets or exceeds the minimum standards by <u>Pepartment Convention</u> will be considered for the title of All State Commander and Quartermaster. The Top 10% of all Posts could be eligible (Department Commander will determine if additional posts are eligible). Each member of the All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster team will receive an official "All-State Post Commanders and Quartermaster's Cap" with Lapel Pin at the Department Convention if available.

## **Minimum Requirements for Judging:**

Up to ten, (10), Posts could be selected for All-State.

If ten Posts have not met all of the requirements on April 1, 2026, the remaining spots could be filled by Posts only delinquent in the 100% membership requirement. A Post could achieve All State if they achieved 100% in membership between April 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026, if there were any of the ten slots left and if they had met all other requirements by April 1, 2026.

100% or above in membership is mandatory.

Voice of Democracy. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 10. Patriot's Pen. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 10.

Teacher Award. Post must have one entry from any category advanced to District competition, is one of 3 of 10.

Veterans and Military Support Program. Minimum donation of \$125.00 due by April 1, 2026, for All-State competition. This is mandatory.

National Home. A Post shall purchase a new life membership or make a \$50.00 donation to National Home for Children. If a donation put Kansas house in memo line. For All-State competition the Life membership or donation must be purchased by April 1, 2026. This is mandatory.

Community Service. Posts must report 6 approved projects through the Community Service reporting tool in each of the four categories, (Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Activities, Youth Activities). This is Category II. This is mandatory.

District Meetings. The Post commander or his representative shall attend all District meetings. This is mandatory.

Buddy Poppies. The Post shall purchase 3 buddy poppies per member rounded to the next 100 with a cap of 500, Must be ordered by April 1, 2026 to be eligible for All-State competition. This is based off of prior year's membership. This is Mandatory.

Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, EMT; each one is one of 3 of 10.

Scouting Program. Donation of \$25.00 or a scouting entry and \$10.00 donation. Donations must be made by the Scouting deadline and is one of 3 of 10.

Three Programs of ten must be completed by April 1, 2026. Those programs are: (1) Voice of Democracy; (2) Patriot's Pen; (3) Teacher of the Year; (4) Firefighter award; (5) EMT award; (6) Law Enforcement Officer award; (7) Scouting Award; (8) Adopt-a-unit; (9) Hospital Volunteer Pin.(10) Community Service Pin. This is Category I.

Post Quartermaster must be properly bonded. This is mandatory.

The Post's September 2025, December 2025, and March 2026, audits must be on time. Five extra points for having the March 2025, audit in or postmarked by April 10, 2026.