

TEACHER AWARD

2026-2027

GENERAL: Each year an exceptional teacher is recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and Patriotism to their students. The VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom Teacher (grades **K-12**) who teach citizenship education topics and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively. The VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award has never been more important than it is now. Good teachers, versed in Americanism and Patriotism, deserve our support and recognition. Please consider submitting one (1) nomination of an outstanding teacher from each Post in the Department of Kansas and **may enter one in each category**.

AWARDS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars initiated the National Citizenship Education Teacher award in 1999 to recognize classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education with their students. State award budget for all 3 categories is \$150.00. Each National Award teacher and his/her school will receive **\$1,000.00 that will be presented to the school**, the Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart Award and a recognition plaque. The program brochure can be ordered from VFW Emblem and Supply.

One Teacher in each category K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 may be nominated. Presentation of the award will be coordinated with the winning teacher's principal. The total Department program budget will be \$150.

DEADLINES: Post: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the Post Teacher Award Chair is **OCTOBER 31ST**. Posts may select one (1) entry for each category for submission to District. Post judging must be completed by **NOVEMBER 15TH** utilizing the Teacher Award Judges Score Sheet.

District: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the District Teacher Award Chair is on or before **DECEMBER 2ND**. Each nomination must be submitted with the enclosed Post Teacher Entry Form and VFW Teacher Nomination Form. Districts may select one (1) entry for each category for submission to Department. District judging must be completed by **DECEMBER 15TH** utilizing the Teacher Award Judges Score Sheet.

Department: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the Department Teacher Award Chair is on or before **DECEMBER 20TH**. Each nomination must be submitted with the Post Teacher Entry Form District section completed. The Department will select one (1) entry for each category for submission to **National**. Department judging must be completed by **JANUARY 10TH** utilizing the Teacher Award Judges Score Sheet.

National: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the National Headquarters is on or before **FEBRUARY 1ST**. Each nomination will be submitted with the Post Teacher Entry Form Department section completed.

If you need help with your Post Teacher Award Program or Take a Vet to School Day, please contact:

Below is the link for the Teacher entry form/brochure

<https://vfw-org-hqagarhxahbybyd9.z01.azurefd.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/TeacheroftheYearEntryFormandBrochure.pdf?v=1&d=20250501T185715Z&la=en>

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