

## TEACHER'S AWARD

### WHO SHOULD BE NOMINATED?

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for the award.

If you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall, organizes community volunteer projects or invites local veterans to speak in class, or anything to help students develop a better understanding of democratic values and beliefs, this award is for them.

### HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION:

**Step 1:** In 350 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee is deserving of the award. Be sure to describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education.

**Step 2:** Complete the entry form that can be found at: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

**Step 3:** Submit the nomination form along with your explanation to O.K. Ingram Ship 1774, P.O. Box 265, La Mesa, CA 91944-0265 or deliver to us at 8118 University Ave, La Mesa to be received not later than Feb 15 (of each year).

*Note: Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Nominations submitted by relatives or self are not eligible.*

### HOW THE CONTEST WORKS:

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 their winning names to their District-level judging.

From there, the selected winners are forwarded to the Department-level (state-level). Once they are judged on a state level, the winners are passed along to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

Winner receives

- \$1,000 award for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for his/her school.
- Two award plaques: one for the teacher, the other for his/her school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW conference to receive their award.