



Public Service of the Year Awards Program Overview

Public Service of the Year Awards Program Objective

The objective of the American Legion Department of Ohio Public Service Awards is to select well-rounded public service candidates who have exceeded above and beyond the expected duties of their position for public recognition.

Nominees per District Guidelines

Annually, each District in the Department may only nominate one (1) individual per category:

Law Officer
Firefighter
Civilian Life Saver

If there is more than one nominee in a category within a District, that District, using any method of their choice, must judge each nominee in that category to determine the one (1) nominee in that category to be forwarded by that District to the Department for Department judging.

Posthumous Nominee Eligibility Criteria

The Department Law & Order Committee will consider any Law Officer, Firefighter, or Civilian Life Saver to receive an award posthumously if the death in the line of duty occurred between July 1, 2018 and April 5, 2019, the deadline for all award nominees to be submitted to the Department Law & Order Committee for judging.

The same overall criteria apply to those individuals who have lost their lives in the line of duty as applies to all other Department nominees.

Failure to follow the criteria guidelines will automatically disqualify any applicant and District's nominee.



Law Officer and Firefighter Nominee Eligibility Criteria:

To be considered for Department judging by the Department Law & Order Committee, the following criteria must be followed by any District compiling a nomination package for a Law Officer or Firefighter:

1. The official Department Nomination form must be completed to include a 5" x 7" head and shoulder photograph (color preferred).
2. A maximum of eighteen (18) one sided pages outlining the professional service career of the individual being nominated must be compiled to include a listing of all Citations/Awards received (not copies of Citations/Awards), and newspaper clippings included as part of the Nomination package.
3. The list of Citations/Awards for community service, heroism, or meritorious service received. Citations and Awards may include those presented in a previous year.
4. Include documentation from City, County, and State authorities, citizens, civic groups, and American Legion officials as further evidence of service.

Letter(s) of Recommendation from Chain of Command Criteria for Law Officer and Firefighter Nominees

In addition to the award criteria outlined above, the nomination package for a Law Officer or Firefighter must also include a letter from the Law Officer or Firefighter's Commanding Officer, Chief, or Supervisor recommending the individual for the American Legion Public Service Award.

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Civilian Life Saver Nominee Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for Department judging by the Department Law & Order Committee, the following criteria must be followed by any District compiling a nomination package for a Civilian Life Saver:

1. The official Department nomination form must be completed to include a 5” x 7” head and shoulder photograph (color preferred).
2. A maximum of eighteen (18) one sided pages, to include newspaper clippings, outlining the event/circumstance for which the individual is being nominated for the Department Civilian Life Saver award.
3. A list of Citations/Awards (not copies of Citations/Awards) presented by any City, County, and State authorities, citizens, civic groups, and American Legion officials to the individual for the lifesaving event/circumstance for which they are being nominated.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS POINT SYSTEM

The following Point System shall be used by the Department Law & Order Committee to judge the nomination package of any Law Officer, Firefighter, or Civilian life saver:

Community Service.....35 Points

Professional Career.....40 Points

Heroism.....20 Points

Letters of Recognition, newspaper clippings, and other supporting documentation....5 Points

Failure to follow the criteria guidelines will automatically disqualify any applicant and District’s nominee.