

Department Americanism Committee
Educator/School Team Educator of the Year Award - 2019/2020
September 2019

The following applies to the March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020 time period only.

At a meeting held on April 2, 2005 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Americanism Committee in creating the Educator of the Year Award. The Department Americanism Committee feels that this award will increase the awareness of dedication and work that Educators do in supporting the American Legion Programs.

At a meeting held December 10, 2016 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Americanism Committee to expand the Educator of the Year Award to include a second award for a team of educators who are assigned to the same school.

1st Award Category: Educator of the Year Award

- a. An Educator being defined for this award includes teachers, teacher's aid, and administrators in any public, private or parochial school, who are actively employed in their profession. Teachers who home school students can also be considered for this award.
- b. The Educator will be judged on their leadership and participation in promoting American Legion Americanism programs, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.
- c. Accomplishments of the Educator must be over and above their assigned duties.
- d. If an Educator is selected, their school will also receive a plaque with the Educator's name on it.

2nd Award Category: School Team Educator of the Year Award:

- a. School Team Educators are two or more Educators working together to promote Americanism programs to the students.
- b. The Team will be judged on their leadership and participation working together in promoting American Legion Americanism programs, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.
- c. The School will receive the team award plaque listing all the Educators who won the award and each Educator will receive a Certificate of Commendation.

A recommendation letter by the Educator/School Team Educator's supervisor is required, as well as a letter from the Post explaining why the Educator(s) should be considered for this award. Documented evidence can include newspaper articles, web-based articles, Facebook excerpts, event programs, thank you letters and photos. A portion of evidence must show proof that the submission occurred during the specified period.

Posts shall advise the school(s) of their judging deadline and will judge their own contest. The Post winner will be turned over to the respective County Americanism Chairman. The County will judge their own contest and only the County's First Place winner will be turned over to the Department Americanism Committee.

**** ONLY ONE COUNTY WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY IS TO BE ENTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT JUDGING AND ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE 2019/2020 AMERICANISM COVER SHEET AND SIGNED BY THE COUNTY AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN OR THE COUNTY COMMANDER PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT!!!!**

All entries submitted by the County Americanism Chairman via mail must be received at Department no later than March 20, 2020. Hand delivered entries will be received ½ hour before the official start time of Dept. Judging to be held at the Dept. Headquarters conference room (171 Jersey Street, Bldg. 5, Trenton) on April 4, 2020 at 10am.