

**Department Americanism Committee**  
**Individual Educator/School Team Educator of the Year Award - 2020/2021**  
OCTOBER 2020

**The following applies to the March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 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.

Eligible Members: An Educator being defined as teachers, teacher's Aides, and Administration in any public, private or parochial school, who are actively employed in their profession. Teachers Homeschooling students can also be considered for this award. Teachers working together as a team promoting Americanism can be considered as well.

The educator or Educators will be judged on their leadership and participation in promoting American Legion Americanism Programs, civic responsibilities, flag etiquette and patriotism. Accomplishments of the Educator(s) must be over and beyond their assigned duties. If an Educator is selected, their school will also receive a plaque with the Educators name on it.

A recommendation letter by the Individual 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 IS TO BE ENTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT JUDGING AND ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE 2020/2021 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 26, 2021. 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 10, 2021 at 10am.**

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Theodore J. Howarth Jr., Chairman  
Department Americanism Committee