



THE NATIONAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION COMMISSION AWARDS

The first American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Commission Award was established in 1947, and recognized individuals across the country who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of workers with disabilities. Since that time, categories were added to the current nine award programs.

The Veterans Employment and Education Commission is striving to award all possible pending awards that are available to The American Legion. We implore all departments to continue to submit award nominations for the awards with the hope that we receive all 400 + possible nominations. We are striving to reach 100% participation in this program.

1. EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD - (SMALL)
2. EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD - (MEDIUM)
3. EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD - (LARGE)
4. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD - (DVOP)
5. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD - (LVER)
6. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD - (LOCAL OFFICE)
7. EMPLOYER OF OLDER WORKERS AWARD
8. ENHANCE THE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSON AWARD
9. MICHAEL GUTY HOMELESS VETERANS OUTREACH AWARD

To be considered for the National Award, the deadline for submittals to the Veterans Employment and Education Commission in Washington, DC is **January 15, of the following year**. Example: To be nominated for the 2018 awards the nomination must be in by January 15, 2019.

It is important that the department winners are submitted by this time to ensure that they are considered for the national award to be delivered at the annual National Convention. **Each of the national winners receives a stipend to help defray the cost of their representative's travel to the convention city to accept the award.**

We ask that you submit written correspondence or send an electronic scanned copy in the form of an e-mail to our national headquarters office. Please title your letter '[Title] Awards- [Department name]'.

All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form (see the following pages) and must not be longer than two pages of narrative. Supporting documents, which may also be submitted with the nomination, must not exceed ten pages.

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THE EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD

Information Sheet

History: The Veterans Employment and Education Commission expanded its Employer Awards Program in 1969 when it created an award category for employers of veterans. Originally, departments were permitted to submit one nomination each for a large and a small employer of veterans. In 1992, the number of awards for employers of veterans was increased. Today, departments may submit a total of 3 nominations for this category for national consideration.

- **One** nomination for a small company with 50 or fewer employees
- **One** nomination for a medium sized company with workforces of 51 to 200
- **One** nomination for a large company with 201 or more employees

National Awards: These awards, one in each of the three employers of veterans size categories, are presented at the National Convention. In order to be eligible for the Employer of Veterans Awards, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- 1) At least 10 percent of the nominee's workforce must be veterans.
- 2) The nominee must have been in business for at least five years.
- 3) The nominee cannot restrict employment to veterans only.
- 4) The nominee must be a private sector employer. In other words, the nominee cannot be a city, state, or federal employer.

A department that submits a nomination for an employer of veterans that does not meet the above criteria will receive a plaque for presentation. However, that nominee **will not** be eligible for a national award.

Selections of the Employer of Veterans Awards are made by the Veterans Employment & Education Commission Award Subcommittee, which meets during the annual Washington Conference.

The purpose of Award: To confer recognition on one small, one medium and one large employer in each state for outstanding records in the hiring and retention of veterans.

Deadline: The deadline for submission of nominations of employers of veterans is no later than January 15th. Nominations received after that date will not be eligible for consideration for the national award.

Procedure: Nominations from posts, or sources outside the Legion, must be sent to department headquarters. The department then selects **one** nominee each in the small, medium and large employer categories and sends the nomination forms and supporting information for the winning employers to the National Employment and Education Commission. Those nomination forms must be signed by either the department adjutant or department employment chairman. Nominations that arrive without supporting information **will not** be eligible for the national awards.

Nomination Form: A copy of the official nomination form, which is the same for all three employer size categories, follows. Additional copies may also be obtained by writing or calling the Veterans Employment and Education Commission, The American Legion, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; phone 202-861-2700; email VE&E@legion.org.

Award: The commission provides free plaques to each department that submits nominations. It is recommended, however, that posts and departments recognize their other nominees with plaques or awards that can be purchased for a nominal cost through Emblem Sales. The National Winner will receive a large plaque to be presented by the National Commander at the Annual National convention and will receive a stipend to help defray the cost of their representative's travel to the convention city to accept the award.

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