

# The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

## Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Be a citizen of the United States
- ✓ Be a living, active, full-time and paid, sworn law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest.
- ✓ Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal, County, District or State Police or Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office or as a sworn Federal Law enforcement officer (e.g., FBI or Secret Service Agent, United States Federal Marshal, National Park Police, Capital Police, etc.)
- ✓ Does not need to be a veteran or member of The American Legion
- ✓ Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in the Department from which they are selected.
- ✓ Military police officers or investigators are not eligible for participation in this award.

## Judging Criteria

Judges will be looking for a Law Enforcement Officer who:

- ★ is well-rounded
- ★ has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his/her position
- ★ exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication
- ★ demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service
- ★ proven his/her personal dedication to societal security and protection

Judging will be based on the following criteria, and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:

● Community Service .....	50 points
● Professional Career .....	25 points
● Heroism .....	20 points
● Letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation .....	5 points

## Application Criteria

- ❖ Cover Page/Application Form.
- ❖ Official 5"x7" photograph of the nominee.
- ❖ Copy of State or Federal certification as a law officer.
- ❖ Copies of pertinent training and education certificates.
- ❖ Letter of recommendation from his/her commanding officer or supervisor. This should also state that the law enforcement officer, if selected for this award, will be available for its presentation at Department and/or National Convention.
- ❖ Letter of recommendation by a Post Officer.

***There should be no more than 6 pages of narrative (one-sided 8½"x11" bond paper) to include:***

- ❖ Brief, yet complete, description of a specific act of heroism, meritorious performance or community service.
- ❖ Act(s) performed over and above the call of duty during the last few years.
- ❖ Act(s) demonstrating a distinct pattern of community service above and beyond assigned duty requirements.

***There should be no more than 6 pages of support documentation (may be double sided) which should include:***

- ❖ Press articles, citations and letters that support the narrative.
- ❖ Citations, letters and/or newspaper clippings from the officer's chain of command, city, county, state authorities, American Legion officials, citizens or civic groups as further evidence of community service, heroic and meritorious performance of duty by the nominee.

Mail original of all paperwork, **NO LATER THAN MAY 15th** to:

Randy Eck, Department Law & Order Chairman  
10040 Bayshore Road, N Fort Myers, FL 33917-3729

Certificates of Commendation are available, free of charge, from Department Headquarters. Contact Carol at 800.393.3378x226 or [carol@floridalegion.org](mailto:carol@floridalegion.org), to order the certificates.

# LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION COVER SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. of service \_\_\_\_\_

Agency name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Post Submitting Nomination (number/location) \_\_\_\_\_

Post Law and Order Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Post Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**