

VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please photocopy or cut out and attach to nomination essay.

Nominated Teacher

Name: _____

Subject and grade taught: _____

Current school: _____

School address: _____

School phone #: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please describe (type or print) in 350 words or less why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Smart/ Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, then sign the nomination statement.

Submit nomination materials to your local VFW Post. Check your phone book for locations. DO NOT send to VFW National Headquarters.

_____ Number of words in essay (not to exceed 350). Please provide this information.

Person Submitting Entry

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date submitted: _____

Signature: _____

Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by November 1.

Identify and recognize America's best educators. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve?

Now you can.



For more information, contact your local VFW Post or its Ladies Auxiliary or visit our Web site.

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Local VFW Post Information

VFW Honors America's Teachers



Smart/Maher
VFW National Citizenship Education

Teacher Award

Grades K-12





Promoting Citizenship Education

VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly teaching (at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor him or her today with the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Recognize teachers who care about America

VFW Cares About Education

Founded in 1899, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is concerned with the education of America's youth. VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to this endeavor. VFW Citizenship Education program stimulates interest in America's history, traditions, institutions, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. VFW offers cash awards, commemorative plaques and all-expenses-paid trips to a national VFW conference for these worthy teachers. The trip will provide an opportunity for winners to exchange ideas.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can.

How are teachers nominated?

Fill out the nomination form contained in this brochure. In 350 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. Please submit your completed nomination form and signed essay to your local VFW Post. Check the phone book for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at (816) 756-3390 ext. 287 to find the Post nearest to you.

All Post-level nominees, if they win, should provide a one-page resume, up to five pages of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves.

When is the deadline?

Nominations must be received by November 1 by your local VFW Posts, which conduct judging from November 2-15.

What are the National awards?

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Event.

Nominate Someone Deserving

Have a teacher in mind? Fill out the nomination form and submit it to your local VFW Post. The investment that a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders.

VFW DISTRICT CHAIRMEN ONLY

DISTRICT REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR THE

SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD

USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED:

The guidelines listed below are intended to help clarify the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award reporting process and to ensure that all participation and expenses incurred by Posts/Auxiliaries are completely and accurately reported for proper credit:

TOTAL POST PARTICIPATION

List Posts in your District that had a declared winner. Please list the participating Posts in numerical order on the Report form.

TOTAL AUXILIARY PARTICIPATION

If Post has an Auxiliary, credit their participation by indicating *YES* or *NO*.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Number of schools that had teachers nominated.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

Number of teachers that actually were nominated.

AWARDS AND MONEY EXPENDED

Total dollar values of awards presented to teacher participants at Post & District level. All additional moneys allocated and expended in conducting their program. (Banquet, gifts, medals, citations, etc.)

Forwarding Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Winners to Department

District Chairman: The District winner's materials that should be forwarded to the Department Chairman (immediately after the District judging is completed) are:

1. District winner's original entry form and essay of 350 words or less signed by person nominating the teacher.
2. District winner's official Post Teacher Entry form w/ signatures at Post & District level.
3. One page resume (**up to 350 words and no more than two sides**).
4. Up to 5 pages (can be double sided) of additional documentation (i.e. news articles, supervisors recommendations.)
5. Good quality head and shoulders photograph (**low grade computer printouts will not be accepted.**)

If you have any questions, please call the Programs Dept at: (816) 756-3390 x 287 (or email me at Tbeauchamp@vfw.org)

2014-2015 DISTRICT PARTICIPATION SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD

DISTRICT NO. _____

DEPARTMENT OF _____

The VFW Posts and Auxiliaries identified in this report participated in the VFW annual Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award Program.

GRAND TOTALS FOR POST COMPETITION: *(list totals taken from District report forms)*

Posts	Auxs	Participating Schools	Nominated Teachers
			\$ _____
			Awards Amount

MONETARY VALUE OF DISTRICT COMPETITION:

District Awards \$ _____

District Additional Expenses \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL of POST/DISTRICT \$ AMOUNT \$ _____

Signed by: _____ Date _____
District Commander/Chairman

PLEASE NOTE:

GIVE THIS REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

The report form and this summary should be in the hands of your
Department Citizenship Education/Teacher Award Chairman
immediately following the completion of your District judging.

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Advancement Form (Post Teacher Entry Form)

(Attach to original Post entry documentation for each teacher nominated)

Nominee's Full Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Social Security Number _____ Grade level OK-5 6-8 9-12

Name of School _____ School's Phone _____

Address _____

Post/Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher named above is the duly selected Post winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program in his/her grade level category and is our Post's authorized entry into the District finals.

Signature of Post Commander/Chairman _____ VFW Post No. _____ Phone _____

Post Address _____

Signature of Ladies Auxiliary President/Chairman _____ Auxiliary No. _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total number of teacher nominations for all categories _____ Total dollar amount spent by Post/Ladies Auxiliary for awards for all categories and other (citations, gifts, medals, banquet) \$ _____

District/Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher named above is the duly selected District winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in his/her grade level category and is our District's entry into the Department finals.

Signature of Dist. Commander/Chairman _____ Dist. No. _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Signature of Auxiliary Dist. President/Chairman _____ Dist. No. _____ Phone _____

Address _____

List all Posts participating in program _____

Total dollar amount spent by Posts/Auxiliaries for awards for all categories and other (citations, gifts, medals, banquet) \$ _____

VFW Department Commander/Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher listed above is the duly selected Dept winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in our Department in his/her grade level and is our official entry into the National judging. This winner will be/was notified that they are the first place state winner in their grade level on the following date: _____

Signature of Dept. Commander/Chairman _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Note: Be sure this form is entirely completed before sending to National Headquarters with your state winner's original nomination form, essay, one page resume, up to five pages of documentation and a good quality head and shoulders photograph. Remember this form is due back to VFW National Headquarters Programs Department by January 15th. Mail to: VFW PROGRAMS, VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 406 W. 34TH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO 64111.