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 (city), County,
  District or State Police (ex: University Police, etc.) 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 Florida
• Military police officers or investigators are eligible for participation in
  this award provided they are state law enforcement certified

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........................................................................................................35 points
Professional Career....................................................................................................40 points
Heroism.....................................................................................................................20 points
Letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating
documentation..............................................................................................................5 points
Application Criteria

1. Cover Page/Application Form
2. Official 5"x7" photograph of the nominee.
3. No more than 18 one sided 8 ½” x 11” pages of documentation
   a. Service Narrative – No more than 6 one sided pages which must include:
      i. A letter of recommendation from his/her commanding officer or supervisor
      ii. A letter of recommendation by a Post officer
      iii. 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
   b. Supporting Documentation – No more than 12 one sided pages which must include:
      i. A copy of State or Federal certification as a law officer
      ii. Copies of pertinent training and education certificates, press articles, citations and letters that support the narrative, 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 April 22th of the current year to:

Programs Director Bekki Tibbs
P.O. Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854
btibbs@floridalegion.org

Certificates of Commendation are available, free of charge, from Department Headquarters. To order call 800.393.3378x235
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: April 22nd