

VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

NOTE: Updated for the 2020-2021 VFW Program Year

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

- *October 31, Teacher Nominations to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- *December 15, Completion of District judging
- *January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairman
- *January 15, Department winners due to National
- *January 31, Department reports due to National

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

- *October 31, Student entries to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- December 15, Completion of District judging
- January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen
- *January 15, Department winners due to National
- *January 31, Department reports due to National

Scout and Cadet of the Year

- *March 1, entries to the Post
- April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting and Youth Chairman or Department HQs
- *May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting and Youth Chairman or Department HQs

Community Service

- *April 30, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
- *April 30, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
- *May 31, Department Community Service Report (Department to National)

Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)

- December 1, Nominations due (to Post)
- December 15, Nominations (due from Post to District)
- January 1, Nominations due (from District to Department)
- February 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

National Certificate of Recognition

- April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Dept Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

**Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.*