

**SMART/MAHER VFW DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION
TEACHER AWARDS FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THEIR SCHOOLS**
(Nationally recognized. State sponsored)

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects elementary, middle and high school teachers to participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher program. The Department will select one winner from each level: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School.

Who Is Eligible?

1. 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.
2. All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous state winners are ineligible.

Nominations can be submitted by themselves, fellow teachers, supervisors, family members or other interested individuals.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

1. All Post-level nominees should provide a one-page resume as a minimum or up to five pages as a maximum of documentation of their teaching experience (for example: references, news articles, etc.)
2. and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves.

These items will be forwarded on to the Department with the winning Teacher Forwarding Entry form.

DEADLINES:

- Entries to Posts by October 31st
- To District Chairman by November 15th
- To Department Headquarters by December 15th

VFW Department of Washington will select one of the three Department winners to receive a VFW National citation as the overall Smart/ Maher VFW National Citizenship Education recipient for both the winning teacher and their school.

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