



2023 National Awards Program

On November 21, 1949 General Dwight D. Eisenhower presented 200 recipients with the first Freedoms Foundation National Awards. The ceremony took place in a barn on a colonial farm once occupied by Washington's troops, which is now the site of the national headquarters of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Now, over 70 years later, over 57,000 awards have been presented to Americans from all walks of life – the famous and the unknown, the young and old – from Maine to Hawaii. Large corporations and small businesspersons, farmers, students, teachers and military personnel have all been presented National Awards for their efforts to make America a better place for everyone.

This program was intended as a way to say thank you to those whose projects, words or deeds reflect the best of the American spirit of volunteerism by offering constructive solutions to contemporary problems. We search for those doing good work in their communities, people or organizations bringing about the best in the spirit of America.

Nomination Form: Submit Online

freedomfoundation.org/NationalAwards or

Attach this completed form (or copy) to all entries and submit to:

Awards Department

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

PO Box 67, 1601 Valley Forge Road

Valley Forge, PA 19481-0067

Category: (Circle One)

Adult Community | Youth Community | Teacher | School | Special Events Public Communications

Nominee Name _____

Project Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Address: _____

Nominator E-Mail Address: _____

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NOMINATION INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY:

The National Awards are open to individual citizens and legal residents of the United States, as well as American organizations, companies, communities and schools. Freedoms Foundation staff, their family members, Volunteer Chapter Members and Freedoms Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible.

ENTRY SCHEDULE:

Nominations must be submitted to Freedoms Foundation by June 1, 2023.

ENTRY FORMAT:

Entries should consist of a one page summary and no more than 10 supporting documents. Supporting documents include letters of commendation, project in action photographs, news clippings, program outlines and/or a supporting video. Entries can be submitted online at www.freedomsfoundation.org/awards-programs or by mail along with a nomination form.

CATEGORIES

ENTRIES SHOULD FOCUS ON THE THEMES OF PATRIOTISM, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

COMMUNITY ENTRY - Adult and Youth

For programs by groups or individuals who “go above and beyond the call of duty” on a local, regional or national level which promote good works and serve their communities on an ongoing, day-to-day basis. These programs or projects should have been conducted for at least one year or longer, and be a series of works.

SCHOOL ENTRY - Elementary thru College/University

Honoring activities by a school or classroom. Focus should be placed on student’s community involvement in action, with emphasis on patriotism and responsible citizenship. Evidence of student involvement and a complete one-page summary listing project goals and objectives must be attached at front of entry nomination.

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR ENTRY - Elementary thru College/University

This award honors teachers and administrators who go above and beyond the call of duty for their students and America’s youth. These educators also instill in their students a sense of the importance of community involvement, responsible citizenship and patriotism. Entries should include a one-page summary on the teacher/administrator’s accomplishments and qualifications.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

For the most significant dynamic addresses, sermons, editorials, letters to editor, books, articles, television and radio programs which increase the understanding of our American Way of Life. These communications may be on a one-time work or a series of works.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

For the most significant events which take place on a day or several days which impact the community, state and/or nation while increasing an understanding of our American Way of Life.

SELECTION PROCESS

Award selections are determined in accordance with non-partisan guidelines established by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and are reviewed by a distinguished independent National Awards jury panel comprised of officers from national service, civics, veterans and educational organizations.

AWARDS

All recipients in each category/age group will receive a George Washington Honor Medal

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Recipients will be notified in September of 2023. Ceremonies honoring the award recipients are conducted nationwide by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Volunteer Chapters from October 2023 thru February 2024.