

PROGRAM RULES

1. Judging shall be by a specially selected panel of not more than five or less than three persons and shall include at least one person with a professional background in education.

2. Winners shall be declared on an accumulation of total points using the following rating system.

Section A	Professional Career	{0 to 20 Points}
Section B	Community Service	{0 to 15 Points}
Section C	Family	{0 to 10 Points}
Section D	Letters of Recognition	{0 to 5 Points}

3. Each Post shall select a Chairman whose responsibility will be to provide the local school Superintendent, Principal, or Corporation Administrator with the "Educator of the Year" nomination form. It will be their responsibility to submit the name of a teacher thought deserving of consideration for this award?

4. Each Post shall provide the District Committee with one suitable and qualified nominee by submitting the official entry form with all supporting documentation not to exceed 25 pages by March 1.

5. All Post winners received at the District Level will be judged and one nominee from each District will be selected as the District "Educator of the Year". The Nomination Form with supporting documentations will be forwarded to the Department Headquarters NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST.

6. At Department Headquarters, all District Winners will be judged by the Department Education and Scholarship Committee with one [1] District winner selected as the "Educator of the Year".

7. The Louisiana American Legion "Educator of the Year" will be announced from the podium during ceremonies at the Department Convention.

8. The Education and Scholarship Committee will notify the "Educator of the Year" along with the sponsoring Legion District, the school Superintendent, Principal, and sponsoring Post.

PROGRAM CRITERIA/STRUCTURE

1. The American Legion "Educator of the Year" Award is open to any educator in grades Pre K-12 in any public, private, or parochial school or academy in the state of Louisiana recognized by the Louisiana Department of education.
2. The American Legion "Educator of the Year" Award is open to any educator in any course{s} of instruction.
3. The American Legion "Educator of the Year" Award is open to every Post in the Department of Louisiana.
4. As established by the Department Education and Scholarship Committee the levels of award for this program will be:
 - A. Post "Educator of the Year"
 - B. District "Educator of the Year"
 - C. Department "Educator of the Year"Post and District may provide awards of their own selection but are not mandated to do so.
5. The Department "Educator of the Year" as selected by the Department Education and Scholarship Committee from all District Winner nominees will receive a suitable plaque to be presented at the Department Convention and one [1] night housing at Department Convention each year. Other expenses related to attending the Convention would be at the discretion of that District.

Housing arrangements will be coordinated by the Department Education and Scholarship Committee Chairman and the Department Convention Director.

The Department "Educator of the Year" will receive recognition in the State Newsletter, the "Louisiana Legionnaire".