

ROTC/JROTC

Florida Society -- Sons of the American Revolution

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The Bronze JROTC Medal first authorized in 1965 and presented only to students in secondary school JROTC units. No recipient may receive it more than once. No miniature medal is available.

The SAR ROTC/JROTC Medal is approved by the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marines, the United States Air Force and now the United States Coast Guard. All five branches of the United States Military approve the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC/JROTC Medal to be worn on the dress uniform. Each service has notified its ROTC JROTC Units of this approval and has authorized presentation to its cadets or midshipmen.

This bronze award may be presented by the local chapter or the Florida State Society of the National Society of the Sons of the American to students enrolled in JROTC programs. The SAR medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen.

The Silver ROTC Medal first authorized in 1933 and presented only to students in a university ROTC unit. No recipient may receive it more than once. It is presented by a Chapter or State Society. A miniature is not available.

SAR bases their selection of award recipients on their achieving a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The **Commanding Officer** of the ROTC/JROTC unit has full latitude in selecting the recipients.

SAR normally awards one medal each year in ROTC/JROTC units with **fewer than 500** cadets or midshipmen. For **larger units**, for **each 500** students enrolled in the unit, one medal may be presented. Moreover, where a school has more than one ROTC/JROTC unit, SAR counts **each unit separately**. At each school where SAR presents the award, it is desirable to have the medal on display with its ribbon bar in a trophy case. A Certificate sample should be beside it if space allows. This will serve as an incentive to the students and publicize the SAR ROTC/JROTC program as well. The local SAR chapter will present the Medal that has been on display to the Cadet during the school JROTC awards program. The local SAR chapter will place a new medal on display at the beginning of the following school year.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and on the obverse is depicted a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background, and is inscribed, with the letters, "ROTC". The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing, and Excellence." The medal is suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. A ribbon bar in the SAR colors is included along with a certificate for framed wall display.

Outstanding JROTC Scholarship Medal



In 1997, President General Carl K. Hoffmann of the NSSAR authorized the enhancement of the JROTC Scholarship program. Each Chapter may now select from applications correctly completed including signed letters of recommendation by the Principal and the Commanding Officer from the school an Outstanding JROTC Cadet. The local chapter will enter their winning cadet into their State Society's Outstanding JROTC Cadet Recognition program. The winner of the FLSSAR State competition will be entered into the National Outstanding JROTC Recognition program.

The JROTC Florida State award includes a \$1,000 to \$1,500 monetary scholarship award, silver medallion on a neck ribbon, framed ribbon bar with a Silver Star and the Award Certificate framed for wall display. The state winner is invited at state travel expense to receive the award during the May FLSSAR Annual Meeting Youth Awards Luncheon.

The winning Outstanding Cadet of the National competition will be invited to the NSSAR Annual Congress to receive a cash scholarship award, gold medallion on a neck ribbon, a gold framed ribbon bar with a gold star on the ribbon bar and a framed Award Certificate. As stated above, the National Society will provide a cash award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and up to (\$1,000) in travel expense funds.

SAR JROTC committee members will make the selection of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet at each level. Those items given consideration include the nominee's scholastic standing, grade point average, levels of participation and leadership both in the JROTC and in extra curricula activities as well as quality of the essay. We will give particular attention to spelling, grammar and punctuation as well as quality and applicability of the essay content.

In order to enter the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Competition, the local FLSSAR Chapter must receive nominations with required attachments prior to date noted below

Selection of the school nominee shall be by the Cadet's Senior Military Science Instructor and should include merit in patriotism, leadership, military bearing, scholarship, and general excellence.

The Chapter, State and National SAR award is to be presented to the Outstanding Cadet **in their next to last year of JROTC**

For a four year JROTC program: a 3rd Year Cadet (11th grade).

For a three year JROTC program: a Second Year Cadet may be selected.

Cadets should be encouraged to seek criticism of their draft essays from their English instructors in order to make this a true learning experience. Cadet's application should be reviewed before submitting to SAR chapters to be sure all items are complying with requirements of NSSAR rules.

Any nominations received by State Chairman after date below, or that do not meet all the requirements for the competition, will not be considered in the state competition but such nominees may receive the JROTC bronze medal with ribbon and certificate at the Chapter level competition.

Chapter JROTC Chairmen, please make sure your winner **meets the program criteria before forwarding** to your FLSSAR state chairman. Outstanding Cadet Packages where the Cadet is NOT of the grade level specified or Cadet did not meet the class standing criteria of Top 25% of his/her class **is not accepted for state or national competition.** Package must include Nominating Form **(completely filled in)**. NSSAR states that the essay must be between 500 and 700 words, unfortunately the cadet that is over or under will be severely penalized if their essay is outside these guidelines. FLSSAR suggests that you keep the essay between 575 to 625 words with the original essay on white bond paper and the cadet's name at top of each page, double spaced, with word count at bottom of final page. The Senior Military Instructor's letter of Endorsement and a separate Principal's letter of Endorsement with verification of GPA are absolutely required. (if school's system utilizes a system other than standard 4.0 please include an explanation). A grade transcript is not required, but may be included.

Outstanding JROTC Cadet Scholarship Competition
March 24, 2012 is last date for local chapters to receive applications

Outstanding JROTC Cadet FLSSAR Competition
April 4, 2012 is last day for Chapters to mail their nomination to FLSSAR
Application packages received by State Chairman after April 7, 2012 are not accepted. .
State winners are required to be forwarded and received to NSSAR by May 1, 2012

Click on the link below to view the nomination form. Please complete the form on your computer and print it for submission. Hand written applications are discouraged.

The enhanced JROTC program has several objectives

1. To identify and recognize Outstanding JROTC Cadets at the Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels. SAR designed the program to allow all candidates equal evaluation, regardless of the Military Service they represent.
2. To encourage SAR members to make a personal presentation of the JROTC medal to Outstanding JROTC students in the nation.
3. To encourage SAR chapters to work with JROTC units to determine how best to encourage and recognize these outstanding student citizens and therefore support this exceptional national youth program.

[Link to Application Form](#)