

Ledyard VFW Post 4608

Operating Procedure

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1. Purpose

- a. The VFW Post 4608 High School Award Program was created to recognize the sacrifices that are made by military family members in support of their Warrior.
- b. The Award program provides recognition to a student in the Agri-Science & Technology program at Ledyard High School with a Award not to exceed \$1,000.

2. Eligibility

- a. Any student who has either a sibling, parent, guardian or grandparent who is serving or has served honorably in the armed services of the United States.
- b. Junior or Senior who possesses commitment to the Agri-Science department and demonstrated strong leadership skills.
- c. Student must have a "C" average or above.
- d. Must be enrolled in the Agri-Science & Technology Program

3. Program Guidelines

- a. The program was established by a motion at the July 2017 Post business meeting which passed by unanimous vote and modified at the September 2022 post business meeting.
- b. Provides methodology and establishes consistency of yearly support for the Award Program.
- c. Funding for the Award shall come from the Post Relief Fund.
- d. The Quartermaster will provide a check to the student as agreed at the Annual FFA Awards Night.

4. Program specifics

- a. In the case where the applicant's sponsor is a former member of the armed forces, a copy of a DD-214 must accompany the Award application.
- b. In the case where the applicant's sponsor is still on active duty, a letter attesting to same on Command stationery from the member's Command shall accompany the Award application.

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- c. Award recipient must have a "C" average or higher in their previous year to qualify. Deadline for application submission to the school guidance office will be April 15th.
 - d. Complete the application certifying sponsorship.
 - e. Include a paragraph or two on how/why the student chose their trade or skill (farming/dairy, etc.) and how the student foresees the skill will make America or the military better through their contribution.
 - f. Application will be submitted to the guidance office no later than April 15th and forwarded to the Ledyard VFW Post Adjutant for verification of eligibility. Award recipient will be chosen by Post membership based on the student's application and satisfaction of the criteria stated above.
5. Distribution of award
- a. The presentation of the Award shall be part of the receiving individual's FFA annual awards night.
 - b. If feasible the Post shall endeavor to have a presence at the awards night.
6. Program Amendments
- a. Amendments to this program may be made by motion at a regular post meeting
 - b. A majority vote of eligible members voting is required for passage of an amendment.
 - c. No proxy votes are permitted.