



The Michigan American Legion Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

- Purpose of Award:** To recognize a well-rounded Michigan Law Enforcement Officer, who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of their position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Episodes of heroism will, of course, also be included where noted.
- Material:** Enclose relevant documentation on the nominee in the following areas: community service, professional career, heroism, letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation. Documentation should not exceed 18 one-sided pages, on 8 ½ x 11 bond paper – first six or seven pages should contain the individual’s service narrative. Include a copy of your nominee’s State or Federal certification as a law enforcement officer as well as copies of pertinent training and education certificates as appropriate. Additional pages may include supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles.
- Photograph:** A 5 x 7 photograph of the nominee
- Deadline:** **January 6, 2017**
- Mail To:** The American Legion Department of Michigan Attn: Programs
212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A, Lansing, Michigan 48915
- Notification of Nominee:** Advancing nominee to National will be notified by email address
- Eligibility Criteria:** To be eligible for consideration, Department nominees must meet the following criteria:
- A. Be a citizen of the United States, male or female.
 - B. Be a living, active, full-time and paid, sworn law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest.
 - C. Consideration for a posthumous award will be acceptable only if the nominee’s death has occurred after the Department’s selection and within the dates for which the award is being presented.
 - D. Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal (City), County, District or State Police (e.g. University Police, etc.) or Highway Patrol, Sheriff’s office, or as a sworn Federal Law Enforcement officer (e.g., FBI or Secret Service Agent, United States Federal Marshal, National Park Police, Capital Police, etc.)
 - E. Nominee need not be a veteran or a member of The American Legion.
 - F. Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in Michigan.
 - G. Military police officers or investigators are eligible for participation in this award provided they are state law enforcement certified.

JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Each nominee is judged according to the following criteria: community service, professional career, heroism, letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation.

**The Michigan American Legion
Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
Application Form**

Date _____

Name _____ Male Female

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____

Age _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Length of Service as Law Enforcement Officer _____

Nominating Agency Name _____

Nominating Agency Director _____ Title _____

Nominee's Supervisor _____ Title _____

Email Address of Nominee's Supervisor _____

Agency Address _____

City _____ State Michigan Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Michigan Legion Post Associated with Nomination _____

FAILURE to use this form will result in the DISQUALIFICATION of your nominee. It should be placed as the COVER SHEET for your 'packet' of materials supporting your candidate. Include an official 5 X 7 photograph of the nominee. The ORIGINAL COPY of the entire application is DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 6, 2017, to The American Legion, Department of Michigan, Attn: Programs, 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A, Lansing, Michigan, 48915.