

Volunteer Service Award for Law Enforcement Explorers

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The Federal Investigators' Association (FIA) selects one or more currently participating law enforcement Explorers as the recipient(s) of the National Law Enforcement Explorer Volunteer Service Award. The award consists of a plaque, a U.S. savings bond, and recognition in the association's newsletter.

The award is given in recognition of "the unusually generous commitment of time, effort, initiative, cooperation, and cheerfulness to service within the sponsoring department or agency by an active law enforcement Explorer."

The Award

Each selected Explorer will receive a plaque and a savings bond.

Selection Criteria

The key selection factors will involve the individual Explorer's contribution in service as a volunteer in the activities of the sponsoring department or agency. This contribution will be considered in terms of the time expended, level of effort, and quality of service performed. Time spent in post leadership and post promotion alone are not an element of this award. This would not exclude the time a post leader spent while involved in post support to the sponsoring department (i.e., crowd control, parking, police desk, or office assistance). The major elements to be considered for the award will be the amount of time spent in the calendar year performing service to the department; the levels of effort and initiative displayed; organizational ability demonstrated; the quality and importance of the work performed; the personal responsibility and positive attitude toward community service displayed; and the level of cooperation with post and department personnel as well as others in the community.

Nominating Procedure

The department head or other senior department official of any law enforcement organization which sponsors a law enforcement Explorer post can nominate annually one Explorer for the award. The Explorer must have been an active participant of that post for the entire calendar year for which nominated and still be an active Explorer or participating adult when selected for the award. To nominate an individual, the following procedure should be used:

1. The Advisor and committee oversee the preparation and completion of the National Law Enforcement Explorer Volunteer Service Award nomination form, which is a part of this brochure.
2. The post Advisor, assistant Advisor, a post committee member, or an appropriate organization official must prepare a statement of no more than 1,000 words on department letterhead that describes the service to the department for which the Explorer is being nominated for the award. Specific description of the nominee's performance must be provided. Include the following:
 - Category or type of service performed and total hours expended
 - Levels of effort and initiative displayed
 - Organizational ability demonstrated
 - Quality and importance of work performed
 - Personal responsibility and positive attitude toward community service displayed
 - Level of cooperation with post and departmental personnel as well as others in the community
 - Statement of personal conduct and character.

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3. The department head or other senior official prepares an endorsing letter on organization letterhead describing the overall impact of the nominee's service to the organization.
4. The post committee forwards the complete nomination package to the local council Learning for Life committee.

Secure the Learning for Life certification at your local office and then forward the original and one copy of the [nominating package](#) to National Law Enforcement Scholarships and Awards, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Learning for Life will furnish the president of the FIA with information concerning approved nominees. The FIA president will appoint a committee to select the award recipient(s) and notify Learning for Life of the results. The award winner(s) will be recognized at the biennial national law enforcement Explorer conference or at an appropriate ceremony coordinated through the local office.

If there are any questions concerning this award or if additional information is required, please contact National Law Enforcement Scholarships and Awards, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079, 972-580-2433.

THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Sponsored by the Federal Investigators' Association

Name _____
First Middle Last

Nickname _____

Street address _____

P.O. box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____

Post No. _____

Participating department or organization _____

High school or college _____

☐ Currently attending

☐ Graduated: date of graduation _____

School grade/class _____

Grade-point average for last full year attended _____

Name/call letters and address of local news media for press release purposes

Name and address of employer. ☐ Part time ☐ Full time

Number of hours worked per week _____

Personal qualifications as they pertain to the award.

Attach to this application additional sheets to provide information in the following areas:

1. A statement from the post Advisor(s) or committee of no more than 1,000 words that describes the service for which the Explorer is being nominated.
2. A letter of recommendation from the sponsoring department or organization leader. This letter should attest to the worthiness of the nominated Explorer.
3. A statement from either the school principal or official or employer (if nominee is no longer a full-time student) attesting to the nominee's current status and worthiness for the award.
4. **Submit a black-and-white glossy photo (such as a passport photo) for publicity purposes in the event of selection.**

Briefly describe the future career or educational goals of the individual nominated.

I have read and understood the qualifications of the National Law Enforcement Explorer Volunteer Service Award. I am presently an active law enforcement Explorer or participating adult and know of no personal acts or misconduct on my part that would bring discredit to law enforcement Exploring or that would prevent my full participation in this award. I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts in this nomination.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Parent or Guardian Approval

I approve of my son's or daughter's participation in this award program. I have read the qualifications listed for the award and state that he/she meets the qualifications as I understand them.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (printed) _____

Telephone _____

Nominating Agency--Post Advisor Recommendation:

I certify that the above-named applicant/nominee is well-qualified for this award and has my recommendation. Attached is my supporting nomination statement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (printed) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Name of participating organization (post/other) _____

Post No. _____

Post specialty/interest _____

Head of Agency

I certify that I approve this nomination and have attached a supporting letter.

Name (printed) _____

Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

This applicant is participant in Exploring who has been nominated in national competition for this award. We approve of his or her application/nomination and participation in this award program.

Learning for Life Certification

Learning for Life representative signature

Name (please print)

Date _____

Learning for Life headquarters city

This application and supporting material becomes the property of Learning for Life.

Deadline: March 31

This application may be duplicated locally.