

# OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET PROGRAM

The SMI should ask the Cadet they wish to nominate to complete the sections themselves. Below is a checklist that should be given to the Cadet to assist them in completing the form.

## Cadet Check List

There are **5 Sections** for the Cadet to complete:

**Section 1.** JROTC Leadership Position for each year

**Section 2.** JROTC Command Organizations & Positions for each year

**Section 3.** Academic Extra Curricular Activities and Positions as performed in each year

**Section 4.** Non-Scholastic / Non-JROTC Activities & Positions as performed year-round

**Section 5.** An Original Essay by the Cadet of 500 to 700 words entitled:

***"How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States"***

### Essay Requirements:

- Contains a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 700 words (excluding title page, name, rank, school name, unit name, and articles of speech);
- The total word count (excluding articles, title page, and names - Cadet's, unit, and school) is to be displayed on the last page of the Essay;
- The Essay is to be written in the first person;
- The first page must include the Essay's Title, the Cadet's name, rank, the name of the JROTC unit, and the school name;
- The Cadet's name is to appear in the upper right corner of each essay page.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced;
- Page size is 8 ½" by 11" with 1" margins on all sides;
- Essay pages are numbered sequentially, starting with 1 (the first page of the Essay, not the title page);
- The use of A.I. software or plagiarism with the Essay is an automatic disqualification; and,
- The use of spelling and grammar checking features is acceptable and encouraged.

It is **highly recommended** that the Cadet complete the first four sections of the nomination form and have them reviewed by their SMI **BEFORE** starting on the Essay. If necessary, additional pages can be inserted in the file as needed.

Once all sections are complete, the Cadet is to return the completed form and Essay to their SMI for review and completion.

A signed Parental Consent Form **MUST** be attached to the completed Nomination Form.

## Senior Military Instructor Check List

1. \_\_\_\_ Is the Cadet currently enrolled in your JROTC Program?
2. \_\_\_\_ Is the Cadet a High School Junior Student?
3. \_\_\_\_ Is the Cadet in the top 10% of his/her JROTC Class? *(requires verification by the SMI)*
4. \_\_\_\_ Is the Cadet in the top 25% of his/her High School Class and/or has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in a 4.0 GPA system or the equivalent in a different system? *(requires verification by the Principal)*
5. \_\_\_\_ Has the Cadet completed an original essay of 500 to 700 words? Topic: *"How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America."*
6. \_\_\_\_ Is the Essay double-spaced and contains a computer-generated word count at the end of the Essay?
7. \_\_\_\_ Does the Essay's first page contain the title (as listed in #5 above), the Cadet's name, rank, unit's name, and the High School's name? The Cadet's name should also appear on the upper right corner of each page.
8. \_\_\_\_ Is the Principal's Endorsement/Recommendation attached, with a verification statement concerning the Cadet's GPA and class standing?
9. \_\_\_\_ Have the Recommendations/Comments of the Cadet's leadership potential been provided by the Senior Military Instructor and the JROTC Class Standing?
10. \_\_\_\_ Have all the above items been recorded on the SAR Outstanding Cadet JROTC Program Nomination Form?
11. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a signed parental release form from the Cadet's parent/guardian?

After completing the first 4 Sections of the Nomination Form, and before starting on the Essay, the Cadet must have the SMI review their work. Once the Essay is completed, the SMI needs to review the Essay for the following requirements:

1. 500 to 700 words, exclusive of articles;
2. Word total stated at the end of the Essay;
3. The following on the Essay Title page: Title, Cadet's name and rank, unit's name, and High School name; and,
4. The Cadet's name is in the upper right-hand corner of each page of the Essay.

**At this point, given all of the information, is this Cadet your *BEST OF THE BEST*?**

## Hints for Success

1. The SMI must review with the Cadet the completed Nomination Form and Essay using both the SMI and Cadet's checklists.
2. The Cadet should be encouraged to have their ELA teacher review their Essay to offer suggestions to improve it.
3. ALL sections of the Nomination Form should have an entry.
4. Be very specific when listing what the Cadet has accomplished, e.g., community service, Scouting, summer activities, etc. The more specific information that is provided helps the judges. General comments DO NOT assist the Cadet.
5. AVOID flowery descriptions when listing facts and accomplishments.
6. However, descriptions using a few words do not carry much influence; so please be specific. Use extra pages if needed.
7. In section 2, include participation in Color Guard, Drill Teams, Raider teams, etc., units.
8. In section 3, list the Cadet's school-related academic (not athletic) activities. JROTC Academic competition teams should be listed here
9. In section 4, athletic and other activities outside of school, such as employment, volunteer work, religious activities, Scouting, or hobbies, should be listed here. List awards earned, e.g., Varsity Sports Letters, All State Teams, All State Chorus, VFW Medal, etc.
10. Endorsements by the Cadet's Principal and SMI are crucial. For example, a full-page recommendation by the Principal may score 10 points, whereas the Principal's verification of the Cadet's GPA may only score 2 points. *It is strongly suggested that the SMI discuss this area with the Cadet's Principal before they write their endorsement.*
11. The SMI should describe the Cadets' accomplishments as if justifying a military medal, NOT just the words for the citation.
12. Spelling and/or grammatical errors will detract from the total points awarded during judging.

# Judging and Scoring Criteria for Nomination and Essay

## A Total of 100 Points

### **Application Form Evaluation – Max 50 points**

- Max points 10: Section 1. – JROTC Leadership Positions
- Max Points 10: Section 2. – JROTC Command Organizations & Positions
- Max Points 15: Section 3. – Academic Extra Curricular Activities (Max 5 points per year)
- Max Points 15: Section 4. – Non-Scholastic/Non-JROTC Activities (Max 5 points per year)

### **Essay Evaluation – Max 30 points**

- Max points 10: On the Essay assigned topic of "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States."
- Max Points 10: Content and Flow of the Essay
- Max Points 10: Grammar and Spelling of the Essay

### **Endorsements from the Principal and the SMI – Max 20 points**

- Max points 10: Principal's endorsement with GPA verification – 1 point. A letter describing the endorsement and why, up to a max of 9 points.
- Max Points 10: Senior Military Instructor's Endorsement must verify that the Cadet is in the TOP 10% of the JROTC Class – 1 point, and include Recommendations/Comments of the Cadet's Leadership and describe their endorsement and why, up to a maximum of 9 points.

Please note that the judges will use both endorsement letters to determine the *Cadet's character*.

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## Enhanced JROTC Program Nomination Form

*When you place your mouse over most of the "text" data entry fields below, a feature called a **"tooltip"** will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.*

Nomination for Outstanding JROTC Cadet for Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring SAR Chapter and State Society: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: 3 Year 4 Year

Senior JROTC Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Cadet: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet's Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Grade Level: 11<sup>th</sup> JROTC Grade Level: 2 3

Scholastic Standing (example: 1st of 350): \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: You may use additional paper as required to reply to the following (please put cadet's name at top of each page).

### Section 1: JROTC Leadership Position (Please show advancement history and potential for next year)

Example: Year 1: Recruit, Private, Private 1st Class, and Corporal

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4 potential:

### Section 2: JROTC Command Organizations & Position (Please show advancement history and potential)

Example: Year 1: Cadet, Assistant Squad Leader, Squad Leader, Assistant Platoon Leader.

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4 potential:

Cadet's Name:

High School Name:

**Section 3: Academic Extra Curricular Activities & Position, as applicable in each:**

Example: 9th Grade: Science Club, Computer Club, Freshman Class Secretary, etc.

9th Grade:

10th Grade:

11th Grade:

Please use additional pages if needed to complete the above section of the nomination form.

Cadet's Name:

High School Name:

**Section 4: Non-Scholastic / Non-JROTC Activities & Position, as applicable in each:**

Example: 9th Grade: employment, church, Scouting (rank), FFA, 4-H, Volunteer, etc.

9th Grade:

10th Grade:

11th Grade:

Please use additional pages if needed to complete the above section of the nomination form.

Cadet's Name:

High School Name:

**Section 5 - Original Essay by the Cadet, of 500 to 700 words. The essay must be double-spaced and contain a word count at the end of the essay. The topic is - "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America".**

Topic should be at the top of the first page as shown above, along with Cadet's name, rank, unit's name, and the name of the High School. Cadet name and page numbers should also appear of all additional pages.

Upon entering any data in the above form, Use the "[Click to Save to Your PC](#)" button to make sure what you entered was saved.

The SAR Committee Chairman should complete as much of this form as possible before emailing it as an "attachment" to their JROTC Senior Military Instructors.

Send the completed form and all supporting documents no later than:

TO:

JROTC Chairman:

JROTC Chairman Email Address:

Phone:

Please **EMAIL** this completed SAR Enhanced JROTC Nomination Form (including any additional pages), the cadet's essay, the principal's letter and the SMI's letter to your JROTC Chairman listed above by the deadline shown. All documents should be in either a .PDF format or Microsoft Word.

Please request a "Read Receipt" so that you will know that your file was received.



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YOUTH AWARDS, CONTESTS, and EVENTS**

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE**

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\_\_\_\_ Rumbaugh Oration Contest      \_\_\_\_ Knight Essay Contest      \_\_\_\_ JROTC Cadet Award  
\_\_\_\_ Jos. Martin Video Contest      \_\_\_\_ King Eagle Scout Contest      \_\_\_\_ Cohen 4-H Public Speaking Contest  
\_\_\_\_ Color Guard      \_\_\_\_ Other

I am the Participant (if 18 or older) or the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name, hereinafter the "Participant"). I am familiar with the above designated award program(s), contest(s), or event(s) of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereinafter the "Program") and am willing to and hereby give my consent to have the Participant participate in the Program(s)/Activities identified above. The Participant shall abide by the rules of the Program as determined in the sole discretion of the Society. Participant understands that failure to abide by the rules of the Program and this Agreement shall be grounds for disqualification.

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\_\_\_\_ I hereby request that the child's surname not be published, but instead be referred to only by the first letter of the last name (for example, instead of using John Doe, John D. would be used.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature (if 18 or older)

☐ By checking this box & typing your name electronically above you acknowledge that this entry will signify your consent, just as if you had signed a paper document.

If Under 18

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Adult Guardian Signature

☐ By checking this box & typing your name electronically above you acknowledge that this entry will signify your consent, just as if you had signed a paper document.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Biographical Information

## *Sons of the American Revolution*



*Please use additional paper if needed.*

\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Private/Parochial \_\_\_\_ Public School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities (clubs, JROTC, athletics, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

Community Activities (religious, Scouting, volunteer, leadership positions, etc.; include number of years active):

Post-Secondary Plans: