



## Special Awards

Training Leaders of Cadets - Seminar M6

## Overview

Special awards are a great way to motivate and recognize outstanding cadets, cadet programs officers, and cadet units

Most awards require an application, either to CAP or to an outside agency

Awards may consist of certificates, patches, plaques, ribbons, streamers, and even money

Use the awards listed in this module to offer recognition to your unit's volunteers

## Awards for Cadets: CAP (1 of 3)

### Cadet of the Month/Cadet of the Quarter

- set up your own point-tracking system for objective awards at the unit level
- great motivator for Phase I and Phase II cadets
- use your pool of winners to help select your unit's nominee for Cadet of the Year

## Awards for Cadets: CAP (2 of 3)

### Cadet of the Year

- recognizes an outstanding cadet who has earned the Earhart award or higher and is a high school junior or older
- one nominee from each cadet unit is submitted on CAPF 58 to wing selection committee by 15 January
- one winner selected at each level: wing, region, and national
- see details in CAPR 39-3

## Awards for Cadets: CAP (3 of 3)

### Frank G. Brewer, Sr. CAP Memorial Aerospace Award

- recognizes cadets for outstanding contributions to the development of youth in aerospace activities
- submit nomination form (found in CAPP 15) to wing selection committee by 15 January
- one winner selected at each level: wing, region, and national
- see details in CAPP 15

## Awards for Cadets: other agencies (1 of 6)

### Presidential Physical Fitness

- all cadets eligible twice a year
- cadet must complete all 5 events of the PFT and score at or above given percentile, regardless of CAP grade
- Participant Award for completing all events
- National Award for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile for age/gender
- Presidential Award for 85<sup>th</sup> percentile for age/gender
- track your cadets' PFT scores in May and November, and purchase awards at [www.presidentschallenge.org](http://www.presidentschallenge.org)
- see details in CAPP 52-18

## Awards for Cadets: other agencies (2 of 6)

### Air Force Association Award

- one cadet (at any achievement level) per unit per year is chosen to recognize superior performance
- unit commander requests nomination package from AFA chapter and submits in December - January
- award consists of silver medal, sky blue ribbon, and certificate
- see [www.afa.org/aef/medals.asp](http://www.afa.org/aef/medals.asp) or [www.capmembers.com/afa](http://www.capmembers.com/afa) for more details

## Awards for Cadets: other agencies (3 of 6)

### Air Force Association AE Cadet of the Year Award

- recognizes one cadet in the nation for outstanding contributions to aerospace education
- Wing Director of AE submits nomination to wing HQ by 15 January
- award presented at AFA conference each September
- see details in CAPP 15

## Awards for Cadets: other agencies (4 of 6)

### Air Force Sergeants Association Cadet NCO of the year

- one cadet NCO eligible for award in each unit per year
- unit commander submits selection to Air Force Sergeants Association by 15 April
- see details in CAPR 39-3

## Awards for Cadets: other agencies (5 of 6)

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Cadet Awards

- one Cadet Officer and one Cadet NCO in each unit are eligible each year
- previous winners are not eligible for multiple awards
- unit commander submits CAPF 120 nomination to VFW by 15 April
- see details in CAPR 39-3

## Awards for Cadets: other agencies (6 of 6)

### The Congressional Award

- self-paced award program for youth ages 14-23
- program requirements in volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration
- bronze, silver, and gold award levels for medal track and for certificate track
- register/apply online at [www.congressionalaward.org](http://www.congressionalaward.org)
- see details in CAPP 52-5

## Awards for Cadet Programs Staff (1 of 2)

### John V. “Jack” Sorenson Cadet Programs Officer of the Year Award

- annual award at wing, region, and national levels
- any CAP member may nominate any Cadet Programs Officer to the wing by 15 January
- see details in CAPR 52-16

## Awards for Cadet Programs Staff (2 of 2)

### DDR Member of the Year Award

- annual award at national level
- recognizes the cadet or senior member who contributed to the success of CAP's DDR program at the wing, region and/or national level
- any CAP member may nominate another member (does not have to be DDR officer) through chain to NHQ
- Submit on CAPF 120 by 15 January to wing
- Presented at summer National Board & Annual Conference

## Awards for Cadet Units: CAP (1 of 5)

### AEX Award (Aerospace Education EXcellence)

- apply for free AEX volumes on eServices (AEX I, Vol 1 and 2, for grades K-5; AEX II, Vol 1 and 2, for grades 6-12)
- unit completes 6 activities from any AEX volume and a two-hour or longer field experience, then submits AEX Award Report
- award consists of wooden plaque for unit and color certificates for all participants
- see details at [www.capmembers.com/aerospace\\_education/internal\\_specific/](http://www.capmembers.com/aerospace_education/internal_specific/)

## Awards for Cadet Units: CAP (2 of 5)

### Squadron of Merit

- wing commander selects top cadet unit in each wing by 15 March using statistical report in eServices
- award consists of certificate and streamer
- see details in CAPR 39-3

## Awards for Cadet Units: CAP (3 of 5)

### Squadron of Distinction

- region commander selects top cadet unit in each region by 15 March using statistical report in eServices
- award consists of certificate and streamer for each region winner
- one of the region winners is selected for national award at National Convention
- award consists of \$500 honorarium
- see details in CAPR 39-3

## Awards for Cadet Units: CAP (4 of 5)

### Cadet Programs Mission Award

- recognizes the wing with the most outstanding cadet program in each region
- chosen by region commanders (CAP & CAP-USAF) based on Squadron of Distinction results
- 8 winning wings are announced at summer National Convention
- see details in CAPR 52-16

## Awards for Cadet Units: CAP (5 of 5)

### Quality Cadet Unit Award

- objective award for cadet units based on data entered into eServices
- winners chosen automatically and announced each January
- 8 criteria: Cadet Achievement, Orientation Flights, Encampment, Growth, Retention, Enrollment, Aerospace, and Adult Leadership
- see details at [www.capmembers.com/qcua](http://www.capmembers.com/qcua)

## Awards for Cadet Units: other agencies (1 of 2)

### Squadron Physical Fitness

- cadet units are eligible twice a year
- 70% of total cadet membership must score at or above award level percentile for age/gender (regardless of CAP grade) in all 5 PFT events to qualify
  - Bronze award: 70% at 50<sup>th</sup> percentile = certificate
  - Silver award: 70% at 60<sup>th</sup> percentile = certificate
  - Gold award: 70% at 70<sup>th</sup> percentile = trophy
- track your cadets' PFT scores in May and November, and submit application to CAP by 15 June and 15 Dec
- see details in CAPP 52-18

## Awards for Cadet Units: other agencies (2 of 2)

### American Legion Award for Outstanding Squadrons

- one outstanding unit (senior, cadet, or composite) chosen by wing commander each year
- wing commander submits winner to American Legion by 30 July
- award consists of certificate
- see details in CAPR 39-3

## Awards for Wings

### Outstanding DDR Wing of the Year

- annual award at national level
- recognizes the wing with the strongest commitment to establishing a drug-free America
- wing must have an assigned DDR Administrator to be eligible
- any CAP member may nominate any wing through chain to NHQ
- Submit on CAPF 120 by 15 January to wing
- Presented at summer National Board & Annual Conference

## Summary

You can't win if you don't apply! Unit Commanders, Cadet Programs Officers, and individual members are responsible for award submissions

Special awards are a great way to reward and motivate every member of your cadet unit

See [capmembers.com/specialcadetawards](http://capmembers.com/specialcadetawards) for more details