

NJSOA AWARDS PROGRAM OUTLINE

I. POLICY

The purpose is to establish and set forth for the New Jersey Superior Officers Association an Awards Program that honors its members for various accomplishments.

II. AWARDS COMMITTEE

A Committee shall be formed to review all nominations for the awards. The Committee shall consist of the Executive Board and a Member of the Board as the Chairman and at least one Member of the Association. The Committee shall review all applications and have final say on who receives approval for an award.

III. DEFINITION OF AWARDS

Below are the various awards and the requirements to obtain them.

1. **20 Year Service Award-** A recipient must have 20 years of State Service as of the closing date.
2. **25 Year Service Award-** A recipient must have 25 years of State Service as of the closing date.
3. **30 Year Service Award-** A recipient must have 30 years of State Service as of the closing date.
4. **Facility/Sub-Unit Leadership Award-** This award is given to any Member who has been an elected Facility/Sub-Unit representative for at least two complete terms.
5. **Union Leadership Award-** This award is given to any member who has been an exemplary Executive Board representative for at least one complete term.
6. **Military Service Award-** This award is given to any member who has served in the military during a time of war or conflict.

7. **Medal of Valor**- This award is the NJSOA's highest award. This Award is presented to any member who willingly and selflessly gives their life in the line of duty, or distinguishes themselves by the performance of an act of courage or heroism involving risk or imminent danger to their life above and beyond the call of duty. The act must clearly be conspicuous that it distinguishes itself from other heroic acts.
8. **Law Enforcement Purple Heart**- This award is presented to any member who suffers a severe or disabling injury or death while performing their Law Enforcement duties either on or off duty. The recipient must be acting within the confines of the law and within the department regulations.
9. **Meritorious Award**- This award is presented to any member for a highly credible accomplishment, bringing acclaim to the member, the department, or the profession. The award can be for an act, which will be of significant importance in the Law Enforcement field, or any involvement in the community that has contributed significantly to the betterment of the community.
10. **Community Service Award**- This award is presented to any member who volunteers at least one hundred hours of their services to the community in any given year (i.e. little league, road clean-up, boy scouts, etc...).
11. **Life Saving Award**- This award is given to any member who is on or off duty and performs an act, which saves a human life. The award may also be earned by any act, which is considered instrumental in directly contributing to the saving of a human life.
12. **Humanitarian Award**- This award is given to any member who commits to a humanitarian responsibility that has significantly improved the profession itself, institutes programs, or improving the welfare of mankind (i.e. rebuilding New Orleans, rebuilding Dominican Republic, philanthropy, etc...).

IV. PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

Any member may nominate themselves or another member for one of the NJSOA awards. The member making the nomination must complete the Annual Awards Program Form and submit the form to the association address (NJSOA, P.O. Box 273, Richwood, NJ 08074), faxed to (848) 227-5255 or had delivered at the April Meeting. All completed forms must be received by the Awards Committee by the April General Membership meeting of each calendar year. The Committee will then review all applications. The nominees that are chosen will then be notified and will be presented with their award during our Annual Awards Event that will be held each year during Law Enforcement week in May.

2026

NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

NOMINATION PERIOD 03/10/26 THROUGH 04/14/26

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN AWARD NOMINATION, FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 04/14/26

Nominee Information

Name Institution/Work Site

Address Phone Number

Member Making Nomination

Name Institution/Work Site

Address Phone Number

20 Year Service Award Start Date Institution/Work Site

25 Year Service Award Start Date Institution/Work Site

30 Year Service Award Start Date Institution/Work Site

Facility/Sub-Unit Leadership Award (2 Years Total) Years served as Representative Institution/Work Site

Union Leadership Award (Served on the Executive Board for at least 2 years) Years served on the Executive Board Positions

Military Service Award Dates Served Branch Conflicts

Medal of Valor Purple Heart

Meritorious Service Life Saving Award

Community Service Award Humanitarian Award

Explanation/Justification

Honorary Membership

Explanation/Justification