



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
JUNIOR ROTC CADET
OF THE YEAR



2026

Name and Contact Information

Name: _____

High School: _____ Phone #: _____

JROTC Unit: _____ JROTC Unit Email: _____

JROTC Unit Address: Street _____

City _____ MO, Zip Code _____

JROTC Phone #: _____ Military Service Associated with: _____

Cadet Rank: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

JROTC Medals & Ribbons

(List your medals and ribbons in order of highest precedence
and indicate multiple earned medals and ribbons – Spell out award name)

1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____

9 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____

Other JROTC Awards

(List any award received and year received. Do not list additional Medals & Ribbons from the above section)

1 _____	2 _____
3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____
7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10. _____

Participation in Your JROTC Unit Leadership Positions and Roles

(List your top 4 JROTC participation with most recent listed first)

1. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

2. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

3. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

4. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

Cadet Last Name:

Participation in Activities with The American Legion

List any participation with The American Legion as either a member of one of the Legion organizations or member of the JROTC. List up to six activities.

1. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

2. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

3. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

4. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

5. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

Cadet Last Name:

6. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

**Participation in Activities or Organizations other than the
JROTC or The American Legion**

List up to four activities

1. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

2. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

3. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

4. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

Cadet Last Name:

Membership in the American Legion Family

Are you currently a member of the Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary?

If YES what Squadron or Unit: _____ # of Years as a member: _____

Post name and number affiliated with: _____

Cadet Last Name:

[illegible]

JROTC SENIOR INSTRUCTOR ENDORSMENT

(Provide your endorsement of the cadet below)

[illegible]

Signature of Instructor



Department of Missouri American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Year 2026

The application for the Department of Missouri American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Years consists of:

Completed application form

Photograph of cadet in service dress uniform at least 5" x 7" in size

Instructions for Completion of the Application Form

Cadet of The Year must be a cadet currently in or just completed their junior year of high school when the application is sent.

The cadet will fill out the first six pages of the application. The senior instructor should review the application for accuracy and provide their written endorsement on page seven of the application. Any JROTC program will submit only one application.

Additional Information Sheet: If there is not enough space on the application then list additional relevant information on a separate page. Do not list more entries than requested on the application.

Additional page(s) will have the below information centered at the top of this page:

Additional Information for Section:
(enter title of the section from the application)
Cadet Rank & Name
Page ____ of ____

Name and Contact Information: Provide accurate name and contact information as requested in this section.

JROTC Medals & Ribbons: List your top 12 medals and ribbons earned through JROTC. The medals/ribbons need to be listed in order of precedence as viewed when looking at your uniform. The medal/ribbon with the highest precedence will go in block one. Indicate if you have been awarded the medal/ribbon more than once. On the medal/ribbon line you can enter OLC with the number of times received. Example: Top Performer Award & 2 OLC.

Other JROTC Awards: List up to 10 other JROTC awards you have received and the school year it was earned (i.e. 2024-2025). Enter most recent awards first. **Do not** list additional Medals and Ribbons that would go in JROTC Medals & Ribbons entry above.

Cadet Last Name: Enter last name of cadet at the bottom left of pages other than the first page.

Unit Leadership Positions and Roles: Document your participation in your JROTC unit. Enter most recent school year participation first and go back in chronological order.

School Year: Enter in the appropriate school year it was earned (i.e. 2024-2025).

Rank at time: Identify the rank you held while in this position.

Accomplishment: Summarize your MOST significant accomplishments while in this position. If you received an award for this accomplishment, explain what you did to earn it (be very specific) on your additional information sheet.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Significance of the accomplishment

Participation in Activities with The American Legion: If you have participated in activities associated with the American Legion then provide the details in this space. If known enter the post number associated with. Examples may include Veterans and Memorial Day events, parades, events at an American Legion post or Flag Day ceremonies. Legion activities can be associated with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Riders.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Significance of the accomplishment

Participation in Activities or Organizations other than the JROTC or The American Legion: List any activity you are active in that would not fit into the above sections.

Activity: List the activity or organization you were associated with. List most recent and go back in chronological order. Examples may include student body government elected positions, captain of sports team, positions in a church group or FFA. List activities with other veteran organizations here also (VFW, DAV, or SAR are examples).

Office Held: If you held a leadership position for that activity then list it.

Accomplishment: Summarize your MOST significant accomplishment while in this position.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Active involvement,

Membership in the American Legion Family: If you are a member of one of these Legion organizations list this information here to include post, unit, squadron or chapter associated with.

What are your Goals after High School: In the space provided, describe what your plans are upon graduating from high school? Do not enter information for this section on an additional information page.

Signatures: The application must be signed by both the cadet and parent or legal guardian to be accepted for award consideration.

Senior Instructor Endorsement: In the space provided the senior instructor will provide written endorsement. Be specific on Americanism and Leadership qualities demonstrated by the cadet in the JROTC unit, school and community. Signature of senior instructor is required.

Award Package Submission

Award package will consist of completed application by cadet, endorsement by senior instructor, and full-length photograph (portrait orientation) of cadet in service uniform with current rank and ribbons. Photo should be at least 5" x 7" on photo paper.

Mail application and photograph in large envelope so application and photograph are not folded.

Mail to:

The American Legion Dept of Missouri
Attn: ROTC Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Completed awards packages must be received by **June 24, 2026** for consideration.