



# AWARD TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSONS

## Information Sheet

**Purpose:** The purpose of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) Awards competition is to confer national recognition on organizations, such as The American Legion, for their involvement in enhancing the lives of disabled persons by providing opportunities for their participation in community activities. Any Legion project or program that improves the quality of life for disabled persons will be considered.

**History:** Since 1987, American Legion posts have competed for prizes through the Awards Program. NOD will continue to award certificates to the winners, and all nominees and their departments will receive American Legion citations of appreciation.

**Criteria:** All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form (see the following page) and must not be longer than two pages of narrative. Supporting documents, which may also be submitted with the nomination, must not exceed ten pages.

**Deadline:** The deadline for submission of nominations of the Award to Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons is no later than **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Nominations received after that date will not be eligible for consideration for the national award.

**Procedure:** Nominations from posts, or other sources must be sent to department headquarters. The department then selects **one** nominee and sends the winning nominations with their supporting information to the National Veterans Employment & Education Commission. Either the department adjutant or department employment chairman must sign the nomination. Nominations that arrive without supporting information **will not** be eligible for the national awards.

**Nomination Form:** A copy of the official nomination form will follow. Additional copies may also be obtained by writing or calling the National Veterans Employment & Education Commission, The American Legion, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; phone 202-861-2700, or online at [VE&E@legion.org](mailto:VE&E@legion.org)

**Award:** The commission provides free plaques to each department that submits nominations. It is recommended, however, that posts and departments recognize their other nominees with plaques or awards that can be purchased for a nominal cost through Emblem Sales. The National Winner will receive a large plaque to be presented by the National Commander at the annual National Convention and will receive a stipend to help defray the cost of their representative's travel to the convention city to accept the award.

Submit to: The American Legion  
Attn: National Veterans Employment & Education Commission  
1608 K Street NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
Fax: 202-861-0404  
Email: [VE&E@legion.org](mailto:VE&E@legion.org)