



The Recruiting Salutes Award

The Recruiting Salutes Award was developed by the United States Air Force and DECA specifically for recognition of outstanding state officers of the High School Division. Only current state officers of the High School Division, residing in the United States of America, are eligible. The Recruiting Salutes Award will be presented by the United States Air Force and DECA at a State Officers' event at the International Career Development Conference.

Purpose

The Recruiting Salutes Award recognizes the involvement of young people in either citizenship projects or projects and activities with patriotic overtones that significantly aid in perpetuating the American way of life.

Eligibility

Candidates must be members of DECA who are current state officers of an official chartered association of DECA in the United States. Each state association may submit only one (1) candidate for this award.

Procedure

Candidates must submit written documentation of their involvement/activities to DECA Inc. by March 15. (If March 15 falls on a weekend, the following Monday will be considered the deadline.) This documentation should include the following items:

- A. Name, home address, home phone, cell phone, email address; school name, school address, school phone & fax
- B. Title of current state office held and brief description of the duties of this office
- C. Description and documentation of civic, citizenship and/or patriotic activities and projects, including specifics of the candidate's involvement
- D. Three letters of recommendation verifying the above involvement of the candidate. One of the 3 letters submitted must be from the DECA State Advisor.

Selection

Each state association may submit only one candidate for this award. All nominations and accompanying materials must arrive at DECA Inc. by March 15 or the following Monday if that date falls on a weekend. A national selection committee for the Recruiting Salutes Award will review the entries and select one national recipient.

Criteria Rubric

Documentation

5 points possible _____

Documentation should be presented in a neat, concise manner and should exhibit good grammar and spelling. All of the information requested in the "Procedure" section above must be present.

Description of Activities

40 points possible _____

Civic, citizenship and/or patriotic activities should be clearly spelled out and documented. Documentation can include pictures, newspaper articles, etc. as well as a written description.

Letters of Recommendation

5 points possible _____

Three letters of recommendation should be included describing the candidate's involvement. One letter must be from the DECA State Advisor.

Involvement

50 points possible _____

The involvement of the officer, especially the leadership role(s) s/he has taken, should be clearly described.

Total

100 points possible _____

