

Military Officers Association of America JROTC Award Policy

The MOAA JROTC Award medal and accompanying signed certificate are for presentation to an outstanding cadet in the respective JROTC unit. The cadet receiving the award is to be in his or her last year of the JROTC program. The recipient must be an individual who has demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership, although the award is for exceptional academic achievement in the case of Marine Corps JROTC programs. The medal cannot be used for any other purpose. The award recipient is to be selected by the individual's unit commander.

To be eligible for an award, a candidate must:

- Be in the next-to-last year of the JROTC program
- Be in good academic standing
- Be of high moral character
- Demonstrate a high degree of loyalty to the unit, school, and country
- Demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership

In the case of Marine Corps JROTC, a candidate must:

- Be in the upper ten percent of his or her high school class
- Have an A average in MCJROTC academic subjects
- Be assigned to a cadet "officer" billet
- Be nominated in the junior year

All military services have officially approved the MOAA medal for presentation. Please note that no more than one MOAA medal may be presented each year in any one JROTC unit, and no individual is eligible to receive the award more than once. The sponsoring MOAA Chapter distributes the medals via mail during the month of January each year.

Presentation of the medal and certificate is to be in some type of a ceremonial setting that enhances the recognition being bestowed upon the recipient. Timing of the event is at the discretion of the Senior Instructor. The award presentation can be made by the unit's Senior Instructor, or an active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired or former military officer in the local community or associated with the JROTC unit.