

## JROTC CADET AWARD CRITERIA

As of 25 October 2023

### **(Series 1) ACADEMIC AWARDS:**

#### **N-1-1: Distinguished Cadet Award for Scholastic Excellence**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who exhibits the degree of excellence in scholastics as determined by the Senior Army Instructor. 50+ on ASVAB; 25+ on the ACT; College credit earned through an AP Course or Dual Credit while maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

#### **N-1-2 Academic Excellence Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who maintain a grade of an A in all academic subjects for a year. Seniors may earn the award for their first semester.

#### **N-1-3 Academic Achievement Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to those Cadets who maintain a grade of an A in JROTC and a B in the remaining academic subjects for a year. Seniors may earn the award for their first semester. Cadets will also be awarded the Academic wreath. Cadets will maintain the wreath as long as they maintain the appropriate grades.

#### **N-1-4 Perfect Attendance Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets with no absences. Absences marked in I/C for MEPS; Driver's Test, and Family Translation may be permitted.

#### **N-1-5 Student Government Ribbon**

Criteria: An active member/elected of the either a student government office/Dragon Council /Student Ambassador.

#### **N-1-6 Leadership Development Service Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets at the beginning of the school year for their appropriate LET level.

#### **N-1-7 Cadet of the Quarter (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadet who was boarded and selected as Cadet of the Quarter.

### **N-1-8 Staff Ribbon (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets that have held, or currently hold, a Staff Officers Position within the Battalion upon the successful completion of the first semester.

### **N-1-9 JLAB (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to cadets who are a member of JLAB and have competed.

### **N-1-10 (SAIO)**

#### **(Series 2) ATHLETIC AWARDS:**

#### **N-2-1 Varsity Athletic Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets the have “Lettered” in a varsity sport.

#### **N-2-2 Physical Fitness Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who maintain excellent physical fitness. The ribbon will be presented to Cadets receiving an 85-percentile rating or better in all 5 Cadet Challenge events.

#### **N-2-3 ROTC Athletic Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who maintain a basic, yet challenging level of physical fitness. The ribbon will be presented to Cadets receiving a 50-percentile rating or better in all 5 Cadet Challenge events.

#### **N-2-4 Athletic Improvement (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to cadets who improve their average Cadet Challenge score by at least 25 percentile points from his/her last Cadet Challenge and now is eligible for either N-2-2 or N-2-3.

#### **N-2-5 Sabre Team (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to cadets who are members of Sabre Team for a full year and have supported two events.

#### **(Series 3) MILITARY AWARDS:**

#### **N-3-1 Directors of Army Instruction/Senior Army Instructor Leadership Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who display the highest degree of leadership within their positions as determined by the Senior Army Instructor.

### **N-3-2 Personal Appearance Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who consistently present an outstanding uniform appearance as determined by the Senior Army Instructor.

### **N-3-3 Proficiency Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to those Cadets who have demonstrated an exceptionally high degree of leadership, academic achievement, and performance of duty as determined by the Senior Army Instructor.

### **N-3-4 Drill Team Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Drill Team members for a full year and has competed in an event as a primary or alternate.

### **N-3-5 Orienteering Ribbon:**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who are members of the Orienteering/Raider Teams for a full year and has competed in an event as a primary or alternate.

### **N-3-6 Color Guard Ribbon:**

Criteria: Award annually to members of Color Guard for a full year and has supported two events.

### **N-3-7 Marksmanship Team Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Rifle Team members for a full year and has competed in an event as a primary or alternate.

### **N-3-8 Adventure Team Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who are members of adventure training type units as a primary or alternate.

### **N-3-9 Commendation Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded by the Senior Army Instructor to Cadets whose performance of duty exceptionally exceeds that expected of Cadets of their grade and experience.

### **N-3-10 Good Conduct Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who have demonstrated outstanding conduct throughout the school and has had no disciplinary issues during the previous school year.

### **N-3-11 JCLC Participation Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who successfully complete the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge.

### **N-3-12 Cadet Achievement (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets for meritorious achievement as determined by the Senior Army Instructor.

### **N-3-13 Squad Competition (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded annually to the cadets whose squad wins first place in Battalion Intramural Squad Competition.

### **N-3-14 Rope Bridge (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded to members of Raider Team who have successfully competed in a Rope Bridge Competition.

### **N-3-15 Formal Inspection (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who have participated in Formal/Brigade Inspection (JPA).

## **(Series 4) MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS**

### **N-4-1 Parade Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who have participated in local community parades; for example, Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, etc.

### **N-4-2 Recruiting Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who recruit students into the JROTC program, and the recruited cadet successfully completes one LET Level.

### **N-4-3 (SAIO)**

### **N-4-4 Band Recognition Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded to cadets in band who show consistent participation in practices, attend all performances, and EITHER audition for All-District Band OR receive a proficient or distinguished rating on a Solo or Small Ensemble at District Assessment. As determined by the SAI with the assistance of the WCHS Band Director.

#### **N-4-5 Community Service (SAIO)**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who accumulate 80 or more community service hours as recorded in JUMS and/or authorized tracking systems as determined by the Senior Army Instructor. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> awards will be subsequently awarded in ten hour incumbents.

#### **N-4-6 Service Learning Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadets who successfully participate in the BN Service Learning project(s).

#### **N-4-7 Excellent Staff Performance Ribbon**

Criteria: Awarded annually to Cadet Staff Officers for excellent performance as determined by the Senior Army Instructor.

#### **Badges**

##### **Honor Guard**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who has made a significant contribution to the Honor Guard ceremony.

##### **JCLC**

Criteria: Awarded to Cadets who successfully complete the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge.

##### **Marksmanship**

Criteria: Marksman- 50-100, Sharpshooter- 101-150, Expert- 151-200

**\*Cadets will wear the badge reflecting the most recent qualification. Cadets who decline the opportunity or fail to qualify will not be authorized to wear a qualification badge.**

## **DA Awards:**

### **1. DA Cadet Command Medal for Heroism:**

Criteria: The Medal of Heroism is a U.S. military decoration awarded by the Department of the Army (DA) to a JROTC Cadet who performs an act of heroism. The achievement must be an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding that it clearly sets the individual apart from fellow students or from other persons in similar circumstances. The performance must have involved the acceptance of danger and extraordinary responsibilities, exemplifying praiseworthy fortitude and courage.

### **2. DA Superior Cadet Award:**

Criteria: The Superior Cadet Decoration (JROTC) is awarded by DA and is limited to one outstanding Cadet in each LET level in each JROTC or NDCC unit.

## **How to Wear an Award That is Earned Multiple Times:**

### **1. First Award:**

Only the ribbon is awarded and worn.

### **2. Second Award:**

The ribbon is worn and a bronze lamp is awarded.

### **3. Third Award:**

The ribbon is worn and a silver lamp is awarded.

### **4. Fourth Award:**

The ribbon is worn and a gold lamp is awarded.

## **Cords:**

### **How to Earn:**

Cords are awarded to **ACTIVE TEAM MEMBERS** who have competed or participated in **AT LEAST** one event as a primary or an alternate.

### **How to Wear:**

Cords are worn based on rank of team. The highest ranked cord must be worn on the right shoulder. You are only allowed to wear two cords at a time, even though you may have earned more. Arch's will be worn on the right breast pocket (male), (female) center under name plate in line with second button from top. Cadets will wear no more than six Arch at a time, same order of precedence as the team cord with the following exceptions. Honor Guard Arch is worn on the left breast pocket in the same manner as team Arch's. JCLC Arch and JCLC rappel Arch will be worn as bottom two Arch'es.

### **Rank of Teams/Cords:**

- 1.) Honor Guard - Blue**
- 2.) Color Guard - White**
- 3.) Drill Team - Red**
- 4.) Rifle Team - Tan**
- 5.) Sabre Team - Orange**
- 6.) Raider Team - Black**