

Lancaster County Patriot of the Year Nomination Instructions

The purpose of the Lancaster County Patriot of the Year Award is to recognize a living Lancaster County non-veteran who demonstrated exceptional service to the County's veterans and veteran community through selfless volunteer service.

Nominations for the Lancaster County Patriot of the Year are accepted by the Lancaster County Veterans Council from August 1 through September 30 of each year. The Lancaster County Veterans Council commissions a panel of veterans and community leaders to review and select the Veteran of the Year from the eligible candidates. The award is presented at the Lancaster County Veterans Day ceremony in November each year.

The following criteria must be met for an individual to be considered for the Lancaster County Patriot of the Year.

- Must be a resident of Lancaster County, SC.
- Must have demonstrated outstanding patriotism, leadership, and selfless service to veteran community.
- May be awarded for a single act or for continuous service.
- May not be a previous recipient of the Lancaster County Patriot of the Year award.

Nominations are open from August 1 to September 30 each year. Nominations must be postmarked no later than September 30. The nomination may not exceed three typewritten pages and must include as a minimum:

1. A resume not to exceed two (2) typewritten pages (minimum font of 11 pitch) which includes:
 - Membership in nationally recognized veterans organizations
 - Community and/or civic organization memberships
 - Community and/or civic organization awards or special recognition
 - Nominees address, telephone number, and email if available.
2. A one page typewritten nomination statement that describes why the individual being nominated should be selected as the Lancaster County Patriot of the Year. This should be a description of the outstanding patriotism, leadership and selfless service to the veteran community. (Maximum of 250 words)
3. Nominations must be mailed or personally delivered to the Lancaster County Veterans Affairs Office, Attn: Patriot of the Year, PO Box 1089, Lancaster SC 29721.