

Lancaster County Veteran of the Year Nomination Instructions

The purpose of the Lancaster County Veteran of the Year Award is to recognize a living Lancaster County Veteran who has not only served his/her country with honor but has used the leadership skills and abilities learned in service to the nation to better the community through selfless volunteer service to Lancaster County.

Nominations for the Lancaster County Veteran 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 Veteran of the Year.

- Must be a resident of Lancaster County, SC.
- Must be a living veteran of one of the five Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve or National Guard, or the United States Merchant Marines.
- Must have demonstrated outstanding patriotism, leadership, and selfless service as a veteran and as a volunteer in community or civic service.
- May be awarded for a single act or for continuous service.
- May not be a previous recipient of the Lancaster County Veteran 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:
 - Period(s) of military service and branch of one of the five Armed Services or USMM
 - Military Awards and Decorations
 - 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 Veteran of the Year. This should be a description of the outstanding patriotism, leadership and selfless service of the veteran as a volunteer contributor to the betterment of the County through community or civic service. (Maximum of 250 words)
3. Proof of Military service – DD 214 or Military Certificate Service provided by the National Personnel Record Center.
4. Nominations must be mailed or personally delivered to the Lancaster County Veterans Affairs Office, Attn: Veteran of the Year, PO Box 1089, Lancaster SC 29721.