

Rules and Qualifications for Awarding the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor

This is a synopsis of the rules and statutes. The full text may be found in ORS 176.260 and OAR 259-090-0010

Who is Eligible for Nomination

To be eligible for nomination for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor a candidate must be a law enforcement officer. “Law enforcement officer” means:

- Police Officer
- Reserve Officer
- Corrections Officer or
- Parole and Probation Officer as these terms are defined in ORS 181A.355; or
- A state, county, municipal, federal or tribal individual who is commissioned and responsible for enforcing criminal laws in the state of Oregon.

Criteria for Nomination

Officers who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally honorable and meritorious conduct while in the performance of duty.

- The candidate must have distinguished themselves by exceptionally honorable and meritorious conduct. “Exceptionally honorable and meritorious conduct” or “conduct” means an officer has distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and fortitude at the risk of their life above and beyond the call of duty.
- The conduct must have occurred while acting in an official capacity and performing a law enforcement function.
- The conduct must have occurred on or after January 1, 2006.

Considering Candidates for Nomination

- The Commission may consider a candidate based on submission of an application, the request of a Commission members, or referral from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- The Commission may make an eligibility determination by considering any supporting documentation. Documentation may include but is not limited to police reports, media reports, pictures, testimonials, affidavits, or other written documentation found acceptable by the Commission.
- The Commission may request additional information as needed.