

Governor's Commission on the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor

Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____

Street Address of Nominee: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Title or Rank of Nominee: _____

Department or Agency of Nominee: _____

Street Address of Department or Agency: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number of Department or Agency: _____

Name of Person Making Nomination: _____

Phone Number of Nominator: _____

- See attached rules and qualifications for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor
- Complete details of qualifying incident must be submitted. See page two for specific instructions
- Nominations for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor must be signed by the Chief Law Enforcement Official of the department or agency employing the nominee

Please send nominations to:

Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training

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Questions: (503) 378-2427

QUALIFYING INFORMATION OF INCIDENT

Nominee's Name: _____

Date of Incident: _____ Time of Incident: _____

Location of Incident: _____

Investigating Agency: _____ Agency Case Number: _____

Specific Details of Incident: *Attach to nomination form a detailed description of the qualifying incident.*

Nominations must be specific and must detail all qualifying aspects of the incident, which includes all elements of the qualification for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor. Nominations must include supporting documentation for proper and full consideration by the Governor's Commission on the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor. Supporting documentation should include, at minimum, a copy of the official investigative police report and any other documents that will help the Commission render a fully informed decision on the qualifications of the nomination such as copies of newspaper articles or other related media coverage of incident, letters of recommendation or accommodation and other supporting documents.

Certification and Signature of Chief Executive Officer of Agency:

All nominations for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor must be endorsed by the chief law enforcement officer of the department or agency of the nominee. I have reviewed this nomination and the accompanying qualifications and will attest that, to the best of my knowledge, the information regarding this incident is true and the nominee appears to meet the qualifications for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor.

Name of department or agency: _____

Name of department or agency head: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Commission's role and review of nominations:

- The Commission will consider each candidate to determine if sufficient documentation exists to satisfy the qualifications for nomination as defined in OAR 259-090-0010.
- The Commission may approve or deny the nomination of a candidate.
- Approval of a candidate for nomination requires a unanimous vote.
- Nomination for the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor is a privilege and not a right. The decision of the Commission is final and non-appealable.
- Nominations are submitted to the Governor for approval. When approved, the Governor or the Governor's designee awards the medal.
- The Medal of Honor may be awarded to the law enforcement officer, or posthumously to a representative for the deceased law enforcement officer, at an awards ceremony at an appropriate time determined by the Commission and approved by the Governor. The recipient of the Medal retains the option of a public or private ceremony.

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.