

Vocational Education and Extension Board Medal of Valor

Criteria for Nominees

- A. The nominees must have placed his/her life in extreme jeopardy, above and beyond the normal expectations of a firefighter.
- B. The rescue attempt performed will be the determining factor when judging applications.
- C. Recipients must be from a Suffolk County Fire Service unit, **except** as noted in item #5 below.
 - 1) Volunteer firefighter
 - 2) Paid firefighter, example: Brookhaven National Lab, Veterans Hospital and Plum Island
 - 3) Private Industrial Fire Brigades
 - 4) Military, example: U.S. Coast Guard, Air National Guard.
 - 5) Special category for civilian OR “peace officer” if nominated by the local fire department.

Where the Act is performed

- A. Within Suffolk County
- B. Outside Suffolk County by members of Suffolk County Fire Units who may be in transit. This act must be submitted by the local fire department where the act occurred.

Note: Members of the F.D.N.Y. will not be included for rescues performed while on duty with the F.D.N.Y.

Requirements for Nomination

Nominations should be submitted on the V.E.E.B. form, which is enclosed. This form may be duplicated. Please note that only one (1) nominee per form may be submitted.

Presentation of Medals

- A. Awards will be presented once a year.
- B. If the Review Board feels reported acts do not meet the criteria on standards that have been established, no award will be presented.
- C. Make-up of the Review Board to be determined.
- D. The Board’s decision will be final.

Types of Medal Awards

- A. **Class 1 Award (Gold Medal)** – to entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act should involve a degree of danger characterized as “**EXTREME PERSONAL RISK**”.
- B. **Class 2 Award (Silver Medal)** – to entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act should involve a degree of danger characterized as “**GREAT PERSONAL RISK**”.
- C. **Class 3 Award (Bronze Medal)** – to entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act should involve a degree of danger characterized as “**UNUSUAL PERSONAL RISK**”.
- D. **“Peace Officer Award”** – Special category for peace officers, if nominated by the local fire department, for actions performed under “**actual fire conditions**” that exemplify the fellowship that exists between the fire service and law enforcement personnel.
- E. **“Honorable Mention”** – if the action does not qualify for a medal, but is characterized as a meritorious act, a certificate of merit will be issued.



Application for Medal of Valor

All questions must be answered. If not applicable, please write in N/A
Include cover letter describing act, fire report and news articles if applicable.

Date: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Fire Department affiliation: _____

Years of service: _____ Type of Incident: _____

Reason for action: _____

Date of act: _____ Time of act: _____

Location: _____

Duration of alarm: _____ Number of responders: _____

Weather conditions: _____

Type of Structure: _____

Size of Structure: _____

Occupancy Type: _____

Conditions on arrival: _____

Name of person (s) rescued: _____

Ages: _____

Application for Medal of Valor (Page 2 of 2)

Describe where victim (s) were found: _____

Describe injuries to victim(s) and / or rescuer (s): _____

Victim status: _____

Describe the level of protective gear worn: _____

Breathing Apparatus worn and used: _____

Were protective hose streams used? _____

How? _____

Give detailed description of the action: _____

Name and rank of person submitting report: _____

Telephone contact: _____

Cover Letter attached: _____

Fire Report attached: _____

News Articles attached: _____