

SECTION II ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The general criteria for both awards require an individual to be:

1. A current New York State citizen OR
2. A New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty AND
3. A current or former full-time military person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or allied forces for purposes other than training since 1917; Active Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) excepted AND
4. Currently serving under honorable conditions or honorably discharged from active duty.

NEW YORK STATE MEDAL FOR MERIT

Recipient of at least one of the following:

1. Joint Service Commendation Medal
2. Army Commendation Medal
3. Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal
4. Air Force Commendation Medal
5. Coast Guard Commendation Medal
6. Aerial Achievement Medal
7. Joint Service Achievement Medal
8. Army Achievement Medal
9. Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal
10. Air Force Achievement Medal
11. Coast Guard Achievement Medal
12. Gold Lifesaving Medal

13. Silver Lifesaving Medal
14. American Campaign Medal
15. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
16. European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
17. Korean Service Medal
18. Vietnam Service Medal
19. Southwest Asia Service Medal
20. Combat Action Ribbon
21. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
22. Armed Forces Service Medal
23. Combat Infantryman Badge
24. Combat Medical Badge
25. Navy Submarine Combat Patrol Insignia
26. Mariner's Medal (Merchant Marine-World War II)
27. Merchant Marine Combat Bar (World War II)
28. Kosovo Campaign Medal
29. Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
30. Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
31. Navy Expeditionary Medal
32. Iraq Campaign Medal
33. Afghanistan Campaign Medal
34. Combat Action Badge
35. Army of Occupation Medal
36. Navy Occupation Service Medal
37. Korean Defense Service Medal

NEW YORK STATE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE STAR

Recipient of at least one of the following:

1. Distinguished Unit Citation/Presidential Unit Citation (Army/Navy/Air Force)
2. Joint Meritorious Unit Award
3. Valorous Unit Award
4. Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army)
5. Navy Unit Commendation
6. Meritorious Unit Commendation (Navy-Marine Corps)
7. Coast Guard Unit Commendation
8. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
9. Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
10. Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation
11. Air Force Gallant Unit Citation
12. Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

NOTE: All awards listed above with the exception of the Presidential Unit Citation and Valorous Unit Award require additional evidence that award was made for combat participation.

13. French Fourragere
14. French Croix de Guerre (World War I or World War II)
15. French Medal Militaire
16. Belgian Fourragere
17. Belgian Croix de Guerre
18. Luxembourg Croix de Guerre
19. Netherlands Orange Lanyard
20. Military Order of William (Netherlands)
21. Croce al Merito di Guerra (Italy)
22. Orden de Torre E Espada (Portugal)
23. Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation (awarded prior to 1945)
24. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
25. Chysson Aristion Andrias (Greece)
26. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

NOTE: Specifically excluded are the Army Superior Unit Award, Navy "E" Award Ribbon, and the United States Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Citation Ribbon.

STANDARD: If you have previously been awarded or now qualify for the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, you are not authorized to receive the New York State Medal for Merit.

NOTE: All above qualifying awards must have been earned while serving on federal active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.