



F.A.V.E.S. RECOGNITION AWARDS

Hall of Fame Award • SCO Star of the Year Award

Florida Association of Veterans Education Specialists



Awards Nomination Packet

2026 Conference Materials

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PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

The Florida Association of Veterans Education Specialists (F.A.V.E.S.) Recognition Awards honor individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to supporting veterans and military-affiliated students through education.

School Certifying Officials play a critical role in ensuring that student veterans receive the educational benefits they have earned through service to our nation. These awards recognize the professionals whose knowledge, advocacy, leadership, and commitment make a lasting impact on the students and institutions they serve.

Through the Hall of Fame Award and the SCO Star of the Year Award, F.A.V.E.S. celebrates excellence within the veteran education community and highlights those who embody the mission and values of veteran education.

AWARDS NOMINATION TIMELINE & COMMUNICATION LOG

Date	Communication	Method	Notes
April 1, 2026	Initial nomination packet released	Email	Distributed to F.A.V.E.S. members
April 15, 2026	Second notice reminder	Email	Reminder to submit nominations
May 1, 2026	Nomination deadline	Email	All packets must be submitted
June 2026	Award announcement	Conference	Recipients announced at the Annual Conference

Submission Email: faveszoom@flfaves.org

AWARDS DESCRIPTION

<p>Hall of Fame Award</p>	<p>The Hall of Fame Award honors an individual with at least 10 years of service as a School Certifying Official (SCO) or direct experience working with veterans and military-affiliated students.</p> <p>This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate long-term dedication, advocacy, resilience, and leadership while supporting veterans and military-affiliated students through evolving regulations, institutional changes, and external challenges.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nominee must be a F.A.V.E.S. member in good standing.
<p>SCO Star of the Year Award</p>	<p>The SCO Star of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding School Certifying Official who has demonstrated exceptional expertise in VA regulations, leadership, and dedication to supporting student veterans. The nominee must have gone above and beyond the call of duty, providing meaningful support to F.A.V.E.S. while not serving as an active board member. The award is presented in the following categories: Private Institutions, Public Institutions, and Non-College Degree Schools.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nominee must be a F.A.V.E.S. member in good standing.

Hall of Fame Award

Nomination Packet

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominee Name	
Title / Position	
Institution	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Years of Service Supporting Veterans	

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator Name	
Institution / Organization	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Hall of Fame Award Nomination Requirements

Each criterion below must be addressed in 150-200 words per section. Responses must be clearly labeled.

Evaluation Criteria

Dedication & Longevity (150–200 words)

Has the nominee demonstrated a long-term commitment to serving veterans and military-affiliated students, remaining steadfast through changing administrations, government shutdowns, and other challenges? Suggestions: Years of service, adaptability, and consistent support of students.

Impact & Advocacy (150–200 words)

Has the nominee played a significant role in ensuring that students receive their earned educational benefits while navigating evolving VA regulations and congressional standards? Suggestions: Advocacy efforts, compliance accuracy, and measurable outcomes.

Resilience & Leadership (150–200 words)

Does the nominee embody resilience, dedication, and a profound sense of duty in their service to the military-affiliated student community? Suggestions: Leadership examples, handling challenges, and professional reputation.

Submission Checklist

- Correct Nominee Intake Form completed
- Responses provided for each required criterion
- Packet submitted no later than May 1, 2026

Submit completed nomination packet to: faveszoom@flfaves.org

SCO Star of the Year Award

Nomination Packet

Nominee Information

Nominee Name	
Title / Position	
Institution	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Award Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Public Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Non-College Degree School

Nominator Information

Nominator Name	
Institution / Organization	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

SCO Star of the Year Award Nomination Requirements

Each criterion below must be addressed in 200-250 words per section. Responses must be clearly labeled.

Evaluation Criteria

Knowledge & Expertise (200–250 words)

Does the nominee have an in-depth understanding of VA regulations and serve as a trusted resource within their institution and the broader community? Suggestions: Compliance knowledge, accuracy, and subject matter expertise.

Problem-Solving & Innovation (200–250 words)

Has the nominee successfully tackled complex challenges and demonstrated the ability to manage multiple responsibilities with creativity and efficiency? Suggestions: Issue resolution, innovation, and process improvements.

Service to F.A.V.E.S. (200–250 words)

Has the nominee dedicated their time and expertise to support F.A.V.E.S. and its mission? Suggestions: Participation, collaboration, and contributions to the organization.

Institutional Impact (200–250 words)

Does the nominee's work make a meaningful difference in their respective educational setting? Suggestions: Student success, institutional improvements, and measurable outcomes.

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