

Greetings,

In honor of the late Retired Chief Marvin L. James, his family proudly established the ROTC Leadership Award, now entering its fourth year of existence. For the first three years, the award was exclusively open to Northside High School, where Chief James devoted nearly 17 years mentoring Eagle Cadets after his military retirement.

This year, the James family has elected to expand the award to all schools within the Houston County School District, extending Chief James' legacy of leadership and service even further. Chief James was a proud 30-year veteran of the United States Air Force, serving honorably during the Vietnam War, across Europe, and throughout the United States before retiring at Robins Air Force Base in 1998. Following his retirement, he continued his life of service as an ROTC instructor at Northside High School, where he became a highly respected mentor not only within the school, but across the community and throughout the state.

The Ret Chief Marvin L. James Leadership Award is presented to a deserving senior cadet who has faithfully served in ROTC throughout their entire high school career and demonstrates exceptional leadership, community service, and high moral character. The recipient will receive a \$500 monetary award in recognition of their commitment and achievements.

If you know a deserving ROTC senior, please encourage them to complete the application for the Ret Chief Marvin L. James Leadership Award. Chief James' legacy lives on through the leaders he inspired—and the leaders yet to come. 

Sincerely,

Mattie Genet James & Family

Ret. Chief Marvin L. James Sr. Leadership Award Requirements

An application is considered complete if it contains ALL of the following items:

1. An application and a double-spaced typed essay (handwritten essays will not be reviewed)
2. An official copy of the student's high school transcript
3. Must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5
4. Must be a graduating senior from Houston County, Northside, Perry, Warner Robins or Veterans High School
5. Must demonstrate a record of community service or service to others
6. Must have participated in at least three years as a cadet of Houston County, Northside, Perry, Warner Robins or Veterans High School JROTC
7. One letter of reference from applicant's school
8. Completed application package must be received by April 10, 2026

Preference will be given to JROTC cadets who participated in the program for 3 or more years during their high school career.

Demonstrated record of community service, voluntarism, and high moral character.

Ret. Chief Marvin L. James, Sr. Leadership Award Deadline: April 10, 2026

PERSONAL DATA:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Parents/Guardian _____

Plans After Graduation: _____

Professional Goals: _____

Organizations/Clubs: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Attach a two page typed essay, addressing the following topic:

"How JROTC has developed your leadership skills?"

Please return application, requirements, and essay to:

Dr. D. James

80 Cohen Walker Drive

Building B. 219

Warner Robins, GA 31088