



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION**  
EDWIN GOMEZ, Ed.D. | County Superintendent of Schools

# 2025 Operation Recognition

## Attention Veterans and Japanese-American Citizens

Did you miss graduating from high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or internment in a World War II relocation camp?

If so, you may be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

Operation Recognition, a Riverside County Office of Education program, provides diplomas to those in our community whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime circumstances.

### QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Served in the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War with honorable discharge; or,
- Interned in a Japanese-American relocation camp during World War II; and
- Currently reside in Riverside County.

In addition, if you have a qualifying family member who is now deceased, a person representing the family may apply for posthumous recognition.

*There is no charge to participate in Operation Recognition.*

Completed application forms and supporting documentation must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025.**



Application can be found at:  
[www.rcoe.us/operation-recognition](http://www.rcoe.us/operation-recognition)

**For additional information, please contact:**

Yadira Chavelas, Administrator, Events, Community Engagement and Partnerships  
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## 2025 Operation Recognition APPLICATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST RANK OR RATING HELD \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check appropriate box(es):**

☐ WWII Veteran

☐ Korean War Veteran

☐ Vietnam War Veteran

☐ Japanese-American Citizen

**Dates served in the U.S. Armed Forces:**

☐ December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

☐ June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955

☐ August 5, 1964\* – May 7, 1975

*\*or February 28, 1961 for veterans who served in country before August 5, 1964*

**When did you attend high school?**

☐ 1937-1940

☐ 1946-1950

☐ Other (list dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school enrolled in prior to military service: \_\_\_\_\_

City and state of high school: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Have received a GED? ☐ Yes

☐ No

Have received a high school diploma? ☐ Yes

☐ No

**Were you interned in a relocation camp during the period of September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946?**

☐ Yes\*

☐ No

\*If yes, name and location of camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school enrolled in prior to internment: \_\_\_\_\_

City and state of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this diploma being awarded posthumously?**

☐ Yes\*

☐ No

\*If yes, date and place of death: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterans – Please submit the following with completed application form:**

Verification of military service and discharge papers (copy of DD214). For assistance in obtaining a copy of the necessary documentation, please contact Riverside County Veterans' Services, (800) 481-2101 or (951) 955-3060.

**Japanese-American Citizens – Please submit the following with completed application form:**

Evidence of internment in a relocation camp during the period specified.

**Name of person applying for this award if other than the Veteran or Japanese-American Citizen to be recognized:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the best way to contact the honoree, if needed?**

☐ Email

☐ Phone

☐ Text

☐ Please do not contact the honoree directly

(If selecting "Do not contact," we will reach out to the nominator if follow-up is needed.)

**Return completed form by October 17, 2025 to:**

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