



Nomination for the Award of Merit

NOTE: The nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of your action in his or her behalf. (Due on/or before December 1.)

TO THE AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the AWARD OF MERIT:

Name: _____ Unit _____ District _____

Address _____ City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

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| _____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award | _____ Scouter's Religious Award |
| _____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award | _____ Silver Beaver |
| _____ Cubmaster Award | _____ Order of the Arrow |
| _____ Cub Scouter Award | _____ Wood Badge |
| _____ Webelos Den Leader Award | _____ Exploring Awards |
| _____ Scouter's Training Award | _____ Distinguished Commissioner Service Award |
| _____ Scouter's Key | _____ Other (specify) |
| | _____ |

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; Chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Explorer Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter may not receive this award based on professional service. However, a professional Scouter who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on volunteer service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, the district chairmen will appoint a temporary special Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout Executive.
2. The Scout Executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the Council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district officer and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (medal and certificate) should be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspaper (district responsibility.)

District approval

Council approval