



The Silver Beaver Award

2025 Nomination Form

To be presented at the 2026 Council Recognition

Dinner

This completed form and all supporting letters must be sent to advancement@northernstar.org on or before December 1, 2025, by 5:00 pm.



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

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Name _____ Spouse's name _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____ Home Phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Company name _____ Professional title _____

Scouting position _____ Unit type and No. _____ District name _____

The nominee is registered in Scouting as _____ and holds a membership certificate expiring _____. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: _____)

If the award is granted, we plan to present it at our annual Council Recognition Dinner.

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his/her personal, family, and professional activities.

Confirmation by person submitting nomination: _____
(Printed name)

Scouting position _____
(Signature)

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____ Email _____

Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature

Scout executive signature

RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Please list registered adult positions in the Boy Scouts of America with dates listed. Indicate unit number, chartered organization, and district where appropriate.

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	From – To	Total Years
Chartered organization representative					
Committee chair					
Committee member					
Cubmaster					
Assistant Cubmaster					
Tiger Cub den leader					
Den leader					
Assistant den leader					
Webelos den leader					
Assistant Webelos den leader					
Scoutmaster					
Assistant Scoutmaster					
Crew Advisor					
Assistant Crew Advisor					
Varsity Coach					
Assistant Varsity Coach					
Skipper					
Mate					
District chair					
District vice chair					
District committee member					
District commissioner					
Assistant district commissioner					
Unit commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable staff					
Boy Scout roundtable commissioner					
Boy Scout roundtable staff					
Merit badge counselor					
Order of the Arrow chapter advisor					
Venturing roundtable commissioner					
Council President					
Council commissioner					
Assistant council commissioner					
Council board of directors member					
Council committee chair					
Council committee member					
Member-at-large					
Honorary life member					

Total number of years as a registered adult volunteer: _____

TRAINING COURSES

Please indicate which training courses the nominee participated in and/or staffed with year completed.

Training Courses	Participant	Staff/Faculty
Florida Sea Base Conference		
Kodiak or Kodiak X		
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)		
National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)		
National Camping School		
National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC)		
Philmont Leadership Challenge		
Philmont Training Center Conference		
Powder Horn		
Seabadge		
Wood Badge		
Other BSA Training Courses	Participant	Staff/Faculty

SCOUTING RECOGNITION

Scouting Honors					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year
Eagle Scout		National Eagle Scout Association		Distinguished Eagle Scout	
Scouter's Key		Scouter's Training Award		Arrow of Light	
Order of the Arrow member		Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor		Arrowhead Honor	
Youth Religious Award		Adult Religious Award		District Award of Merit	
Unit Leader Award of Merit		Scoutmaster Award of Merit			
Distinguished Commissioner Service Award		James E. West Society Fellowship Award			
Other Scouting Awards					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year

NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH INSIDE OF SCOUTING

NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING

Please list organization, position held, recognition received, and year(s) involved or awarded.

Organization	Position/Recognition	Year(s)

Additional noteworthy comments on nominee’s exceptional character to youth outside of Scouting:

STATEMENT OF NOMINEE'S STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY

Information covering the nominee's standing in the community, citing activities in which he/she is **most active** in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, and other non-Scouting areas.

Organization	Positions Held	Years Served	Accomplishments

Additional noteworthy comments on nominee's standing in the community:

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **The completed nomination form and all supporting letters must be received by the council on or before December 1, 2025, by 5:00 pm.**
2. Please submit the completed nomination packet in pdf form to:
advancement@northernstar.org
3. A cover letter and three letters of support may be submitted with the nomination form.
4. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.
5. Furnish as much information as possible for each section.
6. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters. Explorer leaders are eligible to be awarded the William H. Spurgeon III Award.
7. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
8. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
9. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Article X, Section 6, Clause 3
Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) Each local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
- b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Cub Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public location.
- f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.



TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SILVER BEAVER NOMINATION

- Start as soon as possible. It takes longer than you think to put together a nomination packet.
- Read the Silver Beaver Award Nomination form. It will give you an overview regarding the qualifications that the Selection Committee will be looking for and what to emphasize. Notice that there are 3 areas of qualifications: Service to Scouting, Service to Youth Outside of Scouting, and Service to the Community. It is very important to have information in each area. Information should be typed.
- Contact the District Key Three and let them know you are intending to nominate the candidate. They will provide you with help along the way if you need it and will let you know if someone else is also nominating your candidate so the two of you can work together. They will stay in touch with you during the entire process to check on your progress. They are available to help if you have any questions.
- Contact your district professional to get a copy of your nominee's profile from my.scouting, which includes the Scouter's positions, training records and awards recorded with the council. This will assist you in completing the Record of Service section on the nomination form.
- Contact the candidate's spouse, parents, and/or adult children. They may be able to provide you with a resume that will give you a lot of the information you need. Ask for information about the Scouter's activities outside of Scouting and possible contacts with those groups. Requesting a letter from one of these contacts is not uncommon. Remind him/her that the nomination is to be kept in confidence.
- As you contact people to write letters of recommendation, be sure to remind them that the nomination is to remain confidential. Letters should be addressed to Silver Beaver Selection Committee, Northern Star Scouting. If the person is not a Scouter or is not familiar with the award, be prepared to give them an idea of what you are looking for in a letter. If you send a request by mail or e-mail, you may want to follow-up in a few days. Not everyone you contact may want to write a letter. If they prefer not to, thank them and move on. Arrange to have the letters sent or e-mailed to you. You will need to turn in the completed packet to the council office by the designated deadline. This will give them time to review the packet and determine if any additional information is needed.
- **There is a maximum of 3 letters permitted in the packet in addition to the nominator's cover letter. Be sure to contact non-Scouters for letters.** These may include someone from the nominee's church, someone who has been a fellow coach with the nominee, a parent whose children has been coached or taught by the nominee, fellow "lodge" members (Elks, American Legion, etc.), etc. Contact people who have known the nominee on different levels of Scouting involvement (Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, District, Order of the Arrow, High Adventure, etc.) Having a variety of letters is preferable to letters from the nominee's unit only. Be sure to highlight various/all levels of the nominee's involvement in the Scouting program.
- Your nominating letter should indicate how you know the candidate and why you are nominating him/her. List some of the qualifications you see in that candidate.
- You will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision regardless of the outcome. If your candidate is selected, you will be asked to notify him/her (& congratulate them, of course), and remind them of the date of the Council Dinner where they will receive the award. Suggest that they invite the entire family. You also may want to notify all the folks who wrote letters and invite them to the dinner. If your candidate was not selected, don't be too disappointed. There are lots of qualified people out there. Don't hesitate to try again next year!!