



**Northern Star Council
Boy Scouts of America**



DCS KNOT AWARD APPLICATION

The purpose of the DCS Knot award is to recognize completion of a standardized program leading to the award of the Doctor of Commissioner Service (DCS) from the College of Commissioner Service (CCS), along with tenure as a registered commissioner, and demonstrated performance of commissioner skills. The DCS Knot encourages commissioners to provide support to units in their delivery of a quality program experience for all youth in Scouting, and also provide councils an opportunity to recognize commissioners for their tenured service, their dedication in learning more about delivery of quality Scouting, and their involvement in support of others. The DCS Knot is separate from the CCS Doctorate degree, and requires additional effort to earn. The DCS Knot is available to any currently registered commissioner who has completed the requirements.

Applicant:

Name: _____ District: _____

Current Registered Commissioner Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Requirements:

A. Tenure

Serve as a registered commissioner for a minimum of five years. The service can be in one or more commissioner roles or positions of service, and need not be consecutive years. If you changed positions during a year, such as UC and then ADC, list all roles for that year. Be registered as a commissioner as the time of application for the award.

Year 1: Position(s): _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Year 2: Position(s): _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Year 3: Position(s): _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Year 4: Position(s): _____ Start/End Dates: _____

Year 5: Position(s): _____ Start/End Dates: _____

B. Training

Complete the Doctor of Commissioner Service (DCS) Degree at a recognized College of Commissioner Science. If the degree is earned outside of Northern Star Council, provide appropriate documentation.*

Date you earned your DCS Degree: _____

Name of Council / College granting your DCS degree: _____

* The Doctor of Commissioner Service is also listed as the Doctor of Commissioner Science for some councils.

C. Performance

Complete the following items:

- 1. *Serve on the College of Commissioner Service staff (instructor or support staff), or work with training support for commissioners for at least one year.*

Date served on CCS staff: _____

or

Dates of service for training Commissioners: _____ to _____

- 2. *Recruit or Positively Influence at least three new commissioners at any level.*

Name of Commissioner #1: _____

Name of Commissioner #2: _____

Name of Commissioner #3: _____

- 3. *Earn the Commissioner’s Key.*

Date earned: _____ Council earned: _____

Submission:

Date of Application: _____ (Submit by Nov. 1 if you wish to receive award at the CCS.)

Submit the completed application form to the Council Commissioner or Assistant Council Commissioner for Advanced Training, or mail the form to:

Council Commissioner, Attn: DCS knot
 Northern Star Council BSA
 6202 Bloomington Road
 Fort Snelling, MN 55111

Approval: (office use only)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Council Commissioner or ACC for Advanced Training

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Scout Executive or Deputy Scout Executive/Field

Date Presented: _____

Approval of a DCS Knot Award application in Northern Star Council is done by the Council Commissioner or Assistant Council Commissioner assigned for Advanced Training, with concurrence of the Scout Executive or the Deputy Scout Executive/Field. The council certifies that the individual has met all of the requirements to earn the Doctorate of Commissioner Service Award, enters record of completion, and makes a presentation at a public gathering to gain recognition for the individual being honored. The presentation includes certificate # 34770 and the knot # 18093.