



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED AWARD OF MERIT

<input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scouting	<input type="checkbox"/> Scouts BSA	<input type="checkbox"/> Venturing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sea Scouting	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploring	
Service Area: <i>(Far West, West, East, Far East)</i>		
Unit Number: _____		

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.

TO THE DISTINGUISHED AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE: It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City or Town _____ Zip _____
 Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify)
_____ 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	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commissioner Service Award	_____
_____ Scouter's Key	_____	_____

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; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc.) *Attach additional pages as needed.*

Date of nomination	Name of person making nomination
	Position in Scouting
	Council Number

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Distinguished Award of Merit is a council award presented to volunteers for service above and beyond the criteria for the Unit Scouter Award.

The award is made available annually based on 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The Council 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 the equivalent award (District or Division Award of Merit).

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee 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.
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 council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, the board will appoint a temporary special Distinguished 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 board of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a) The recipient and spouse should attend the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b) A member of the D.A.M. selection committee and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c) Eagle Scouts or Silver Award 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 (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may 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 newspapers (division responsibility)

D.A.M. Committee approval

Council approval

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