



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.

_____ Council
_____ District/Exploring Division

TO THE 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	_____ Silver Beaver	_____ Other (specify)
_____ Den Leader coach's Training Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Scouter's Key	_____ Exploring Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Religious Award		

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.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts or Exploring divisions 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 or Exploring division level.

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

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, division, and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district or Exploring division 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 or Exploring division 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, Exploring division, and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Explorers 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 or Exploring.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 3719) should be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot., No. 5021.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspaper (district or division responsibility).

District or Exploring division approval

Council approval