

AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION

What is the Award of Merit?

The Award of Merit award is a council award presented by districts to deserving Scouters. The award is available to any registered Scouter who renders service of an outstanding nature to the District. The award is made annually on the basis of one award for each 25 units, or fraction thereof, registered on December 31. The district does not have to present all of the awards to which it is entitled each year. Districts not using their full allotment in any year may NOT accumulate the unused portions for use in a subsequent year.

Requirements

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter. A minimum of 5 years is normally required as a Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth.
3. The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decision that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended time.
4. The nominee should have contributed some type of service to youth outside of Scouting as well.

Consideration should be given to the nominee’s position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectation of duty. The nominee’s attitude toward cooperation with the district and council is to be taken into consideration. The nomination is confidential. To avoid disappointment, the committee should not advise the nominee of action on his or her behalf.

Procedures

1. Annually, the District Chairmen will appoint an Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons, who will consider all candidates and make their recommendations. The committee’s term of office shall be for one year from the date of appointment.
2. These recommendations should be submitted confidentially to the Scout Executive, who will inform the district.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. If possible, the recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the District Dinner.
 - b. A district or council officer should explain the award and it’s significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or other Scouters should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award should be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.

MID-AMERICA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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District/Council: _____ Date: _____

This information is for use by the District Award of Merit Selection Committees in preparing nominations for the awards. Be certain that information is exact and accurate.

NOTE: This nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of your action on their behalf.

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BUSINESS OR PROFESSION (Give Title, Company, etc.) _____

CURRENTLY REGISTERED AS: _____ DISTRICT: _____

A. Record of service with the Boy Scouts of America. (Name chartered institution(s) in cases where service is unit-connected.)

1. SCOUTING DATA	WHERE	HOW LONG	RANK ATTAINED
Cub Scout:	_____	_____	_____
Boy Scout:	_____	_____	_____
Explorer:	_____	_____	_____

2. YEARS OF SERVICE IN SCOUTING IN UNITS	CHARTERED PARTNER
From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____	_____
From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____	_____
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From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____	_____

3. SERVICE IN SCOUTING – District, Council, Area or Region

From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____

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From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Position: _____

4. SPECIAL SCOUTING SERVICE AND SPECIAL AWARDS OF RECOGNITIONS

(Training Awards, etc)

B. Statement 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, other youth work, and other fields exclusive of Scouting.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCOUTING

1. CHURCH: _____

2. CIVIC: _____

3. FRATERNAL: _____

4. YOUTH SERVICE (Other than Scouting): _____

5. PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS: _____

6. OTHER OUTSTANDING OR UNUSUAL SERVICE – local, state, or national: _____

C. Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood within the territory of the Mid-America Council.

Nomination prepared by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Approval by District Key Three:

District Chairman Date

District Commissioner Date

District Executive Date