

Three Rivers District

District Award of Merit

What is the District Award of Merit?

The District Award of Merit (Silver Bear) is the highest recognition a Scouting District can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to a registered volunteer Scouters for noteworthy service to youth. The requirements for the award are:

- Candidates for the award must be a registered volunteer Scout leader.
- They must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
- 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.
- The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
- A minimum of five years of accumulated service to youth will be considered.
- Only use this form. Additional noteworthy services can be provided.
- **Nominations must be received by January's Roundtable, January 15, 2026.**

Note: This nomination is confidential. To avoid any possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee of your action on their behalf. Please direct all questions to Dave Ishikawa at 916 217-1367 or sm-380@comcast.net.

Form can be emailed to Mr. Ishikawa at sm-380@comcast.net or mail this form to him at:

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Thank you, Three Rivers District Awards Committee



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any

_____ Council

_____ District

way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

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| _____ 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 Commis-
sioner 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. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts 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 level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district 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 this award.

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 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 and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District 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 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 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 (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



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