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**Three Fires Council  
Chippewa District  
District Award of Merit**

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Dear Scouter:

The District Award of Merit is the highest honor a district can present to a special volunteer. The volunteer must be very active in the Scouting program, as well as outside of Scouting, to be considered for this award. This year's awards will be presented on Sunday, April 19, 2026, during the annual District Dinner. Attached is a form with the details concerning the award application process. If you know of someone who would be a great candidate for this award, please fill out the nomination form (all interest areas must be completed) and use additional sheets to expand on the Scouter's information if needed. This is very important for the Nomination Committee's review. Please provide as much information as possible about the candidate, for their work both in and out of Scouting. You cannot put too much information on the application. Send it to the Awards Chairman, Jerry Bevignani by Friday, March 13, 2026 (e-mail submissions will be accepted).

**Forms submitted without detailed information on the candidate will not be considered for recognition.** We know there are many qualified Scouters out there that are deserving of this award. Please take the time to fill out the forms and submit them. We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's District Dinner.

Mail forms to: Jerry Bevignani  
201 Pamela Drive  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440-2382  
[GameGuru09@aol.com](mailto:GameGuru09@aol.com)

Sincerely,

*Jerry Bevignani*

Jerry Bevignani  
Chippewa District  
Advancement Chair

Attachments: District Award of Merit Nomination Form



# NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



District 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.

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Council  
District  
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):

_____ 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.)

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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).

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District approval

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Council approval



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