

# Nomination Process for 2025 Silver Beaver Award

## Background

The Silver Beaver is awarded for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the Northeast Illinois Council BSA (NEIC). It is required that we utilize the national nominating form that is accessible on the NEIC website. You will find the nomination form, a file capturing all past District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver recipients, and the Nomination Guidelines, under the “*I AM A VOLUNTEER*” tab. Scroll down to “*ADULT LEADER AWARDS.*” Next click on “*SILVER BEAVER.*”

Nominators must provide detail on the following:

- Service to Boy Scouts of America
- Service to Youth
- Community Service
- Additional Information

A current nomination form must be received at the Northeast Illinois Council BSA Service Center, 850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061, no later than November 15. If scanning and sending electronically please e-mail to [tanya.zivin@scouting.org](mailto:tanya.zivin@scouting.org).

The nominees scouting record should be sourced from Tanya Zivin and a copy must be attached to the nomination form.

## Key Activities and Dates

8/9	District Chairs submit names of prospective committee members
8/29	Committee membership communicated
9/18	Committee election training (Zoom meeting)
11/15	Nominations due to council office
w/o 11/24	Nomination forms e-mailed to committee members
12/12	Committee members will review and rank <u>all</u> nominations from 1 to the end e.g. 25. <b>Rankings due to John Wolfson 12/12</b>
12/16	John Wolfson will create a spreadsheet capturing the ranking by committee member and in total. Copy to committee
12/18	Committee meets to discuss nominees and vote - Kasperson

## Silver Beaver Nominations – Quality Counts

Members of the Silver Beaver nominating committee have an important role in the selection of candidates and the review of each nomination entry. Historically many entrees have been very incomplete and become throwaways.

Unfortunately, some of these folks are very worthy. The districts that work together to select nominees and submit well written entries have better results.

### Voting Process

This year we can award the Silver Beaver to three (3) Scouters based on our number of chartered units. Note that we do not have to award all three.

The voting process that has worked well in past years is as follows:

- The chair will bring a consolidated spreadsheet capturing the nominee rankings by committee member and in total.
- The committee will focus on the top 10 total ranking. If there is a tie for the 10<sup>th</sup> position, we will focus on the top 11.
- The committee members will have the opportunity to discuss the qualities of nominees and members can revise their ranking. Discussion should focus on the three key areas of service and additional information.
- At the appropriate time a motion from a committee member will be made, seconded, and the top three (3) will be recognized as this year's recipients.

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