



MONON DISTRICT

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL

ADULT RECOGNITION GUIDE

The Monon District adult awards event recognizes achievements and contributions of unit and district adult leaders and their units. Some awards require a nomination for consideration. Others require a completed application or progress form to document eligibility. The deadline for nominations and notifications is **February 15, 2026**.

The nominating/reporting portal may be found [HERE](#).

Forms may be found [HERE](#).

Submit completed forms [HERE](#). (This email link goes to mononadultrecognition@gmail.com)

If you have questions, you may ask them [HERE](#). (This email link goes to mononadultrecognition@gmail.com)

Individual Awards

Monon Unit Impact Award

This is a local Monon district award. Each traditional pack, troop, or crew in the Monon district may nominate one adult volunteer, who has served for at least two (2) years, to be recognized. No nomination form is required, but the unit Key 3 leaders are asked to discuss and arrive at a consensus so that only one nomination is entered into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#) for the unit. Please consider using this award to recognize a contributor who did not previously receive a Del-Mi or North Star service award, or a Monon Hooked on Scouting or Spark Plug award. Recipients will be presented a certificate and acknowledged at the recognition event.

Scouter's Training Award

BSA Scouter's Training Awards encourage training, tenure in a position, participation, and performance by adult leaders. Choose the appropriate [FORM](#), based on the type of unit and the position held (Den Leader, other Cub Scout leader, Scouts BSA leader, Venturing leader, District Committee member). Submit the completed form by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.

Scouter's Key

A unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor), or a District Committee member, may earn the Scouter's Key by completing the tenure, training, and performance criteria outlined in the [FORM](#). Submit the completed form by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.

Unit Leader Award of Merit

The BSA Unit Leader Award of Merit recognizes a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Venturing Advisor who provides high quality leadership, resulting in a high quality program, over a sustained period of time. The unit committee chair completes the nomination [FORM](#) on behalf of the unit committee. For a

Scoutmaster or Venturing Advisor, the nomination must also be endorsed in a written statement by the Senior Patrol Leader or Crew President. Submit the completed form *and* youth leader endorsement letter by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.

Community Service Award

Volunteers may be recognized for community service as well as Scouting. The [Fretwell Award](#) is presented by district Scouters to teachers, educational support staff, and school administrators who stand out from their peers in instilling Scouting values in their students. [Community Organization Awards](#) (American Legion, Amateur Radio, Department of Defense, etc.) are awarded through nomination and selection by the community organization. If you have questions about the nomination process for these awards, please inquire [HERE](#). If an adult has received one of these awards in the past year, please enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#) so that it can be acknowledge at the event. Provide details of the religion, award date, and criteria by [EMAIL](#).

Adult Religious Emblem

Nomination and selection for an [Adult Religious Emblem](#) is managed by the specific religious organization of which the volunteer is a member. If an adult has received one of these awards in the past year, please enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#) so that it can be acknowledge at the event. Provide details of the religion, award date, and criteria by [EMAIL](#).

Interpreter Strip

Adults, like youth, may earn the Interpreter Strip. Submit the completed [FORM](#) by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#).

James E. West Fellowship

The [James E. West Fellowship](#) recognition is presented to a volunteer who has become new major donor (\$1,000+) to the local council endowment fund. If desired, the form is submitted to the council service center along with the donation. If an adult has received this recognition in the past year, please enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#) so that it can be acknowledge at the event.

Special Needs Scouting Award

This BSA award may be presented to an adult volunteer or professional whose active and outstanding service involves working with Scouts with disabilities or special needs, and promotes awareness, inclusion, and participation. Submit the completed [FORM](#) by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting it alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the nomination will not be considered unless the completed form is submitted.

Commissioner Arrowhead

The Arrowhead award recognizes an active commissioner who is proficient in using the tools and techniques available to offer unit service. Choose the appropriate [FORM](#) based on the position held (Unit Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner). Submit the completed form by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.

Commissioner Key	An active commissioner may earn the Commissioner's Key by completing the tenure, training, and performance criteria. Submit the completed FORM by EMAIL , and enter the award into the nominating/reporting PORTAL . Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.
Commissioner Excellence Award	A unit commissioner who provides exemplary service to assigned units, and develops unit service plans through use of Commissioner Tools, may also complete the other requirements to earn this recognition. Applications must be approved by the District Commissioner. Submit the completed FORM by EMAIL , and enter the award into the nominating/reporting PORTAL . Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted and approved by the District Commissioner.
New Unit Organizer	The William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer award recognizes active volunteers who have organized one or more traditional Scouting units since 2019. Program devices may be added for starting units in different programs (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing). Multiple individuals may be recognized for a new unit start-up, but recognition is limited to only those few who are directly instrumental in the unit's organization. Submit the completed FORM by EMAIL , and enter the award into the nominating/reporting PORTAL . Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.
Veteran Award	A volunteer who has actively participated in Scouting for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years is eligible to apply for this recognition after having served as a registered adult for at least five years. Once eligible through adult participation, the individual may include the total numbers of years registered with BSA, including participation as a youth. Periods of service need not be continuous. Council and national BSA records will be used to verify years of registration. Submit the completed FORM by EMAIL , and enter the award into the nominating/reporting PORTAL . Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the award will not be presented unless the completed form is submitted.
Spirit of Scouting Remembrance	If an active Scouter has died within the past year, please enter the information into the nominating/reporting PORTAL and share additional information about the individual's involvement and contributions to Scouting by EMAIL .
Jerry Simon Award of Distinction	This award, named for Jerry Simon, whose 35+ years of service have focused on mentoring and reviewing Eagle Scout candidates, shows appreciation for tireless service over a long Scouting career. Candidates for the award must have served Scouts in the Del-Mi, North Star, or Monon district for at least twenty years, including in a district leadership capacity for at least ten years, and must receive nominations from at least four district chair/vice-chairs in the same year. Approval must be unanimous. The award will not be presented if there is no qualifying candidate in a given year. Submit the completed FORM by EMAIL , and enter the recommendation into the nominating/reporting PORTAL .

District Award of Merit

This is the highest BSA recognition awarded to a volunteer in a district. It is presented to a long-time volunteer who has faithfully and effectively served at the district level. Up to one volunteer per 25 traditional Scouting units in a district may be recognized. Submit the completed [FORM](#) by [EMAIL](#), and enter the recommendation into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#).

Unit Awards

Messengers of Peace

Units that complete an appropriate community service project, in which at least 60% of unit members work at least 2 hours, can apply for this award. The program flyer and [FORM](#) provide details. [EMAIL](#) the form and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). The unit may choose to recognize individual Scouts or dens with pins or ribbons. Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the achievement will not be recognized unless the completed form is submitted.

Historic Trails Award

A pack, troop, or crew may earn this award by studying and hiking a historic trail, including spending an overnight in the vicinity of the trail. In cooperation with an appropriate oversight group, the unit does a service project to restore or mark all or part of the trail. Submit the completed [FORM](#) by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the achievement will not be recognized unless the completed form is submitted.

National Outdoor Challenge Award

To qualify for this award, a troop must prepare an annual outdoor plan, conduct ten outdoor trips or activities with at least 50% of the registered youth participating, or increase the number of activities or trips compared to the previous year. The troop must also attend summer camp, conduct an outing with a Webelos den, complete Leave No Trace training, and complete at least one outdoors-related merit badge per Scout. Submit the completed [FORM](#) by [EMAIL](#), and enter the award into the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#). Note that reporting the award alerts organizers that you intend to send the form, but the achievement will not be recognized unless the completed form is submitted.

Veteran Unit Award

A traditional pack, troop, or crew that has been chartered for 25 years or more is eligible for this [STATUS](#). If your unit qualifies, you may simply purchase the recognition patches at the Scout Shop. If you notify us via the nominating/reporting [PORTAL](#), we will give a shout out to your unit at the district recognition event. We'll ask you to provide the month and year of the unit's initial charter. Patches are available to denote 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, 90, and 100 years. The unit may also choose to recognize its members with service [STARS](#).