

GENERAL KNOX DISTRICT RECOGNITION AWARDS

The following information is intended to help and encourage all units in the nomination of leaders they would like to see recognized at the District Fellowship Picnic in August. There are many adults in the General Knox District providing outstanding service to our youth every day and now is the opportunity to honor them for their efforts. Please have your written nominations submitted to the Council Service Center no later than Friday, July 24, 2026.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All awards will be presented at the Fellowship Picnic, which will be held annually on a date and at a location to be determined by the District.
2. No more than two (2) District Scouter Awards may be presented in any one year; however, fewer may be presented depending on the number of qualified nominees.
3. At least six District Sparkplug Awards may be presented in any one year.
4. There is no limit to the number of Certificates of Appreciation that can be awarded each year, but not more than one per unit.
5. A committee from the General Knox District will consider all nominations. This year the committee will be made up of mostly members of the Commissioner staff.
6. Nominations could be held over from one year to the next. The recipient must be present to receive the award; it is recommended that if a recipient is unable to attend the award function a unit representative should accept the award for the recipient.

Certificate of Appreciation

The Certificate of Appreciation award can be awarded to any adult leader the District feels is deserving of special recognition. As with the above awards, a written nomination form with reasons for recognition must be submitted.

District Award of Merit: Please use the national Nomination Form which can be downloaded here:



District

Spark Plug Award

This award is for outstanding active service to youth through the operation of the district and/or unit during the current year or longer. To be considered, each nominee must:

1. Be a registered adult unit volunteer or a registered district-level volunteer;
2. Have completed Position-Specific Training for their current registered position in the district or unit;
3. Have a nomination form completed in writing and signed by the person making the nomination. All pertinent information about the nominee should be given (name, address, registered position, training and awards previously received, etc.), as well as reasons to be considered for the District or Unit Spark Plug Award.

District Scouter Award

This award is for outstanding active service to youth through the operation of the district over a period of three or more years.

To be considered, each nominee must:

1. Be a volunteer scouter or a member of the General Knox District who has been registered in the Western Massachusetts Council with a minimum of three years active adult service to Scouting;
2. Have completed at least adult leader Position-Specific Training for his/her registered position;
3. Preferably should be a former recipient of the Spark Plug Award;
4. Have a nomination form completed in writing and signed by the person making the nomination. All pertinent information about the nominee should be given (name, address, registered position, training and awards previously received, etc.), as well as reasons to be considered for the District Scouter Award.

Scouting adults who have been registered for at least five years are eligible for a **Veteran Award**.

Download and complete the form available here:



2026 Nomination for the General Knox District

Certificate of Appreciation Spark Plug Scouter Award

(Circle appropriate award)

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Total Years in Scouting: as a Cub Scout: ____ as a Boy Scout: ____
Exploring/Venturing: ____ as an Adult Volunteer: ____

Current Registered Position: _____ Unit: _____

If Committee person, give principal duties, use a separate sheet if needed:

Other positions held in units, district, council:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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<u>Training</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>		<u>Date Completed</u>
Cub Leader Specific Training	_____	Commissioner Basic	_____
Troop Leader Specific Training	_____	District Orientation	_____
Venturing Specific Training	_____		

Reason for nomination (You may use a separate sheet if needed.):

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Return this form before July 24th, 2026
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