

Scenic Trails District

Great Falls Council
Scouting America

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Scenic Trails District is pleased to honor our dedicated Scouts and Scouters for their hard work in making the Scouting program a success!

Nominations from the following categories will be considered by the Dinner Committee.

- District Award of Merit ****Refer to application at bottom of document**
- Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster of the Year
- Cub Scouter/Den Leader of the Year
- Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year
- Scouter of the Year
- Guiding Light Award - Awarded to a volunteer that most exemplifies Scouting Spirit in their action and commitment to scouting. This recipient works to make a difference.
- Pat on the Back Award – For a job well done.
- Pathways Award – Awarded to a Chartered Org. that has gone above and beyond to help a unit.
- Distinguished Youth of the Year (Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Exploring)
- One of the older traditions in Scouting is for Districts to honor volunteers with the **“Spark Plug Award”**. The award is for those people who make a difference in a Pack, Troop, Ship, Crew, or Post, often in a behind-the-scenes manner, just as a spark plug is out-of-sight but integral to the function and power of the engine.

Award being Nominated for _____

Name of Nominee _____

Position and Unit Number _____

Address _____

Nominee e-mail address _____

Name of Nominator _____

Nominator e-mail address _____

Please attach to this form a letter (not more than one page) stating why you feel this person deserves this award. Give as much detail as possible to allow the committee to make an informed decision.

~Awards will be presented at the Scenic Trail District Dinner on March 16, 2026~

Please submit this form by March 9, 2026, to Mary Stearns, 900 State Rte 244, Alfred Station, NY 14803-or- email: maryl.stearns@gmail.com



NOMINATION FOR THE 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.

_____ 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.)

_____ 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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