Scouting America
Long Island

Honor Spirit Award

Nomination Form

Nomination Deadline: December 20, 2026

Do you know of a Scout (from Tiger to Eagle or Venturer or Explorer) with upstanding character and who is actively involved in their Unit and in the Community? If so, nominate them for the Scouting America Long Island 12th Annual Honor Spirit Award.

One Award per District will be presented at the Council Fellowship Dinner on February 25, 2027.

Questions?
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Instructions:

Please provide a detailed explanation for each of the following questions on **separate, attached paper**. Ensure all explanations are thorough and well-articulated.

Questions for Nominee:

1. **Does the nominee live by the Scout Oath and Law?**
2. **Is the Scout working on or has received their Religious Award?**
3. **What has the Scout done in their unit, community, religious affiliation, and family that makes them a candidate for this award?**

Provide at least two references, with an explanation, as to why the Scout is deserving of this award.

Submission Instructions

Once nomination forms and attached papers are complete, please submit them to your **District Committee Chair**, no later than **December 20, 2026**. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- Your District Committee will make the final selection.
- Only ONE scout per District will be selected for this award each year.
- Upon selection, the Scout will be invited to attend the Council Fellowship Dinner on February 25, 2027. The Scout and one parent/guardian will be the guests of the Fellowship Dinner Committee. Two tickets will be provided for the Dinner; others are encouraged to attend at their expense.

Guidelines for Honor Spirit Selection

1. **Eligibility:** Each nominee must have current registration and have demonstrated outstanding service to Scouting, their community, religious institution, and family. This is the Scout who stands out, who is consistently willing to lend a hand in their unit, community, and/or religious activities.
2. **Selection Process:** Only ONE Scout per District will be selected. Nominations can be made by all registered Scouters, COR's, Religious leaders, Teachers, etc.
3. **Nomination Basis:** Those individuals making nominations are expected to base their selections on their familiarity with the Scout and their achievements.
4. **Distribution & Return:** Nomination forms will be distributed beginning in September 2026 at Roundtables and are expected back to each District Executive no later than December 20, 2026, so they may make selections. It is recommended that each District have their District Executive receive the nominations.
5. **Final Decision:** Final Selection will be made by the District Committee.
6. **Recognition:** Upon being selected, the Scout will be honored at the 2027 Council Fellowship Dinner. The Scout and one parent/guardian are invited as our guests. Others are asked to attend to celebrate with the Scout, at their own cost.

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Next Steps

- Review the nomination guidelines carefully.
- Identify a deserving Scout within your district.
- Complete the nomination form and gather all required attachments.
- Submit the nomination to your District Committee Chair by the December 20, 2026 deadline.
- Encourage fellow Scouters, religious leaders, and teachers to also submit nominations for outstanding Scouts.

Nomination Form

Scout Name	_____
Address	_____ _____ _____
Parent/Guardian Name	_____
Parent/Guardian Contact Information (Email/Phone)	_____ _____
Scout Rank	_____
Unit and Position	_____
Nomination Proposed By	_____
Date	_____

Reason for Nomination

Note: Please provide any additional explanation on separate attached paper

Please explain why you are nominating this Scout. Include specific examples, accomplishments, and impact (attach additional pages if needed).