



Neusiok District Nomination Awards

All Nominations are Due November 20, 2026

The district award nominations are to honor our dedicated, deserving Scouters who always go above and beyond to give the extra mile to make sure the youth we serve in the Scouting program have the best experience possible. They are dedicated individuals whose work never ends and selflessly give their time. This is our opportunity to make sure they're recognized for their hard work and dedication by nominating them for the respective award they're eligible to receive. Below are the links to the award forms. **Please complete and submit them by November 20, 2026 to Senior District Executive Matt Ghirarda at matthew.ghirarda@scouting.org.**

NATIONAL LEVEL AWARDS



Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouts- There are specific Tenure, Training, and Performance requirements that must be fulfilled and documented to earn this award. There is a form used to nominate a Cub Leader for this achievement. This form can be obtained here: [Scouters Training Award for Cub Scout Leaders](#)

Scouter's Training Award for Scouts BSA- There are specific Tenure, Training, and Performance requirements that must be fulfilled and documented to earn this award. There is a form used to nominate a leader and this form can be obtained here: [Scouters Training Award for Scouts SA Leaders](#)

Cubmaster's Key Award- There are specific Tenure, Training, and Performance requirements that must be fulfilled and documented to earn this award. There is a form used to nominate a Cub Leader for this achievement. This form can be obtained online. [CM's Key Award](#)

Scoutmaster's Key Award- There are specific Tenure, Training, and Performance requirements that must be fulfilled and documented to earn this award. There is a form used to nominate a Scout Leader for this achievement. This form can be obtained online. [SM's Key Award](#)



Unit Leader Award of Merit- Quality unit leadership is the key to a quality unit program and it leads to better Scout retention. Statistics show that if young people stay engaged in the program for at least five years, the BSA's influence likely will stay with them for the rest of their lives. A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and the Boy Scouts of America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen. (This honor can be awarded retroactively to former unit leaders who made an impact on young people who have remained in the program because of their hard work.) There is a form used to nominate a Scout Leader for this achievement. This form can be obtained online.

[Unit Leader Award of Merit](#)

District Award of Merit- This award recognizes the volunteer that has devoted the most time and effort toward the advancement of Scouting in the District or Council-wide over the past five to ten years. This is the highest award that can be presented on the District level. There is a form used to nominate someone for this award. This form can be obtained online. [District Award of Merit](#)

Neusiok District SPECIFIC AWARDS



Trailblazer Award- This award recognizes the volunteer that has devoted the most time and effort toward the advancement of Scouting in the District or Council-wide over the past year. Please fill out the form and submit along with a written letter of nomination. [Trailblazer Award Form](#)

Fellowship Award- This award recognizes the volunteer that has devoted the most time and effort towards the advancement of Scouting in the District or Council-wide over the past three to five years. Please fill out the form and submit along with a written letter of nomination. [Fellowship Award Form](#)

SM of the Year Award- This nomination is for a Scoutmaster that you think goes above and beyond in service. They stand out from the others. Please fill out the form and submit along with a written letter of nomination. [SM of the Year Form](#)

CM of the Year Award- This nomination is for a Cubmaster that you think goes above and beyond in service. They stand out from the others. Please fill out the form and submit along with a written letter of nomination. [CM of the Year Form](#)

ES Continuous Service Award- This nomination is for an Eagle Scout with five plus years since they have turned 21. They are continuing to show their skills they have learned and use it every day in life to help their local community. Please fill out the form and submit along with a written letter of nomination.

[ES Continuous Service Award Form](#)



Kip McDaniel Service Award-

Kip McDaniel was the heart of Troop 421, serving as Scoutmaster for many years and inspiring countless Scouts along the way. An Eagle Scout himself, Kip truly lived out the Scout Oath and Law every day. He had a strong faith, loved his family deeply, and was always a caring friend to those around him. Whether leading adventures like the troop's Sea Base trip or serving his church and community, Kip poured his energy into helping others. His positivity and passion for working with youth left a lasting mark on everyone who knew him. In honor of his dedication to the Scout program Neusiok District has honored other Scout Leaders who showed the same characteristics as Kip.

This nomination will be for anyone that goes above and beyond in service. They stand out from the others in a more profound manner in service not only to their unit but to their surrounding community as well. This award is open to all registered volunteers. Please fill out the form and submit along with a written letter of nomination. [Kip McDaniel Service Award Form](#)

All nominations must be submitted in writing to the Council Service Center or emailed to Neusiok Senior District Executive Matt Ghirarda at matthew.ghirarda@scouting.org.

Please keep in mind that an individual can receive each award only once during their lifetime. Please note that all nominations submitted are not awarded. Nominations are carefully reviewed, and award approvals are selected by a committee of volunteers. All approved awards will be presented at the District Banquet. Leader Training awards, Leader Key awards, and nominations for District Award of Merit must use the correct forms from National. Please ensure that all appropriate unit signatures are on Training Award forms. Only one Training Award form per leader can be submitted each year and **the recipient must be currently registered in the position for that award.**