

SCOUTING AMERICA AWARDS through the Great Trail Council

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is Scouting America's Council level distinguished service award, recognizing noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth. Eligible nominees must be registered volunteer Scouters age 21 or older. Nominees should demonstrate significant service to youth at the Council level, exemplary character consistent with the Scout Oath and Law, and noteworthy service and standing both within Scouting and the community. Deadline for digital submission only is no later than November 30, 2026. Download form at [Nomination Forms Great Trail Council](#) and submit to stewart.smith@scouting.org



H. Karl Butler Legacy of Service Award



The H. Karl Butler Legacy of Service Award is a distinguished Great Trail Council recognition honoring a Scouter whose lifetime of service, generosity, and commitment has made a profound and enduring impact on the Council and its young people. Eligible nominees are Scouters with at least twenty years of exceptional and sustained service to the Council whose contributions extend beyond a single position, project, or period of service. Nominees should demonstrate extraordinary generosity of time, talent, or resources, legacy minded commitment to Scouting's future, leadership with integrity, and a record of service whose influence continues to shape the Council, its programs, camps, and people. Deadline for digital submission only is no later than November 30, 2026. Download form at [Nomination Forms Great Trail Council](#) and submit to stewart.smith@scouting.org

North Star Award

The North Star Award is a National Court of Honor recognition for distinguished service to Scouting by individuals who are not registered Scouters and is considered comparable to the Silver Beaver Award. Eligible nominees must be non-Scouters; a formerly registered Scouter may qualify, but only contributions made while the individual was not registered may be considered. Nominees should have provided significant and distinguished service to Scouting and youth, such as substantial professional, financial, civic, organizational, or other support that has meaningfully advanced Scouting and its mission. Deadline for digital submission only is no later than November 30, 2026. Download form at [Nomination Forms Great Trail Council](#) and submit to stewart.smith@scouting.org



National Eagle Scout Association's Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

The NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) recognizes Eagle Scouts whose achievements at the local, state, or regional level and service to their communities reflect distinction worthy of special recognition. Eligible nominees must be Eagle Scouts in good standing with Scouting America who are either registered with or primarily reside within the boundaries of the nominating council. Nominees should have achieved high honor or distinction in their career or avocation and made significant contributions through community service outside of Scouting, with accomplishments that enhance the stature of Eagle Scouts in the public eye. Deadline for digital submission only is no later than November 30, 2026. Download form at [Nomination Forms Great Trail Council](#) and submit to stewart.smith@scouting.org



Council Duty to God Award

The Council Duty to God Award recognizes registered Scouters who have demonstrated exemplary transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the Council level, with nominations welcomed from all religious traditions. Eligible nominees must be active registered adult members with at least five years of leadership and service and must previously have received an appropriate adult religious recognition. Nominees should demonstrate outstanding spiritual, moral, and ethical leadership and service advancing a Scout's duty to God and shared Scouting values, with preference given to those whose leadership and service have reached across multiple faith traditions. Deadline for digital submission only is no later than November 30, 2026. Download form at [Nomination Forms Great Trail Council](#) and submit to stewart.smith@scouting.org



Council Alumnus of the Year Award

The Council Alumnus of the Year Award is Scouting Alumni's highest recognition for service to the alumni effort at the Council level and honors sustained contributions that strengthen Scouting through alumni engagement. Eligible nominees are Scouting alumni who meet Scouting America's current membership standards. Nominees should demonstrate significant, sustained accomplishment in promoting or advancing Council alumni efforts together with community service or distinction in their career or avocation. Deadline for digital submission only is no later than November 30, 2026. Download form at [Nomination Forms Great Trail Council](#) and submit to stewart.smith@scouting.org

