



Scouting America

Nomination Application for the Council Duty to God Award

The Council Duty to God Award was created to recognize registered Scouters who have demonstrated an exemplary history of transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the local Council level. It acknowledges the unswerving dedication to faith, fellowship, and service of those whose character embodies the moral principles and shared ideals of Scouting America.

The award distinguishes Scouters who selflessly work to prepare youth for life by perpetuating the merit and legacy of a Scout's duty to their Creator. Nominations are open to candidates from all faiths and religious groups.

Please note that nominees for the Council Duty to God Award should not be notified of their nomination.

NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Spouse's name: _____

Home address: _____

City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

ELIGIBILITY & AWARD CRITERIA

The requirements for nomination and consideration for selection are as follows:

- Be currently registered as an active, participating adult member of Scouting America.
- Have five or more years of volunteer or professional leadership with service to Scouting at the Council and/or territorial level or other organizations or institutions, and the nominee's respective faith tradition.
- Have received the faith-appropriate adult religious recognition from the nominee's religious organization prior to this nomination, or adult religious recognition from another religious organization whose youth the candidate has served.
- Have demonstrated an outstanding record of transformational, spiritual, moral, and ethical leadership, and edifying service within the community and Council in the advancement and promotion of a Scout's duty to God and shared values, regardless of faith tradition.

NOTE: Preference should be given to those who have given leadership and service across multiple faiths.

Nominee's religious affiliation: _____

Nominee's current place of religious worship: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Adult Scouting tenure: _____ (years/months)

Local Council: _____ Council Number: _____

Major volunteer, elected, and appointed Scouting positions (include current position held):

Major non-Scouting and volunteer positions held in service to faith-based or religious, civic, educational, fraternal, and professional organizations and institutions:

Awards & Honors (Include Scouting and non-Scouting religious and non-religious awards and honors):

RECOMMENDATIONS

The nominator(s) must provide and attach to this application no fewer than three (3) letters of recommendation for the nominee including from the following people:

- A registered scout leader who can document the nominee's service in scouting to Duty to God at the Council level
- A current, active member(s) in a leadership role from nominee's place of worship or affiliated religious organization.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nominator must provide a summary narrative on a separate sheet describing and detailing examples of the nominee's service to faith and youth, as well as personal character relevant to the purpose and standards set forth to receive this recognition.

RECOMMENDED BY

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

Position in Scouting relative to this nomination: _____

I attest that the nominee exemplifies the principles contained in the Scout Oath and Law, and that the nominee acknowledges Scouting's spiritual and religious foundation by having perpetuated the legacy of a Scout's duty to God through extraordinary and noteworthy service and leadership. Therefore, I hereby recommend that the nominee receive the Council Duty to God Award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION & SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Nomination forms must be submitted annually by November 30 to the Great Trail Council for the following year.

All required nominating materials and supporting documentation for qualified individuals must be submitted in one, collated electronic file with a clear, identifiable name of the nominee for review by the council's selection committee. Please send your nomination submission to the nominee's Council Scout Executive or designee.

There are no restrictions on the number of nominations submitted to the local councils. Even so, a maximum of two Council Duty to God Awards per year may be awarded by 100 and 200 level councils and a maximum of one Council Duty to God Award per year may be awarded by 300, 400, and 500 level councils. Completed nominations will remain on file for two years. If after the second year, the nominee has not been selected, a new application must be submitted for future consideration. Successful nominees should be notified on or before March 1st following close of the 4-month nominating period.

For further information on the Council Duty to God Award or nominating process, please contact Bob Vogt, Chair of the National Duty to God Award Selection Sub-committee, at revogt1@gmail.com.

COUNCIL APPROVAL

I/We certify that the examples of faith, service, and leadership of this nominee through the promotion of a Scout's Duty to God have been thoroughly and carefully reviewed by the council's selection committee. It is thereby recommended that the nominee receive the Council Duty to God Award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Chair of Council's Religious Relationships Committee (If there is one) otherwise
Council Vice-President of Membership/Relationships*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Council Scout Executive or Council Chief Operating Officer (or designee)

The Council has elected to reserve this nominee's application for a period of two (2) years from this date of _____ to be considered and reviewed for the Council Duty to God Award in each successive year through _____.

AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

The Council Duty to God Award presentation should be conducted with the highest level of honor at a council event (e.g. Council dinner) or a religious ceremony of the recipient's faith. These individuals have provided spiritual leadership to their community, their Council, and their scouts. Each recipient should receive recognition worthy of the service rendered on Scouting's behalf.

Award materials include a medallion with neck ribbon can be purchased from National Supply. Councils may purchase the medallion (SKU: 660349) through the Supply Group at 800-323-0736 or www.scoutshop.org. Award Certificate Template can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/council-duty-to-god-award/>