

Each year, the Three Rivers District honors its volunteer Scouters by conferring special recognition awards, resulting from nominations made by individuals who have personal knowledge of the efforts and service provided by their nominees. The award categories and minimum requirements for each award are provided below as a guide to assist units or individuals in nominating deserving volunteers.

Any registered Scout volunteer may be nominated for the awards listed below; specific category guidelines apply. All nominees must be registered and trained for the position in which they are nominated. **Anybody may submit nominations.** Units are strongly encouraged to collect and include as much relevant information on nominees and submit one nomination per award category. Providing detailed and accurate facts and information improves the nominee's chances of receiving recognition. Incomplete nominations and inaccurate statements may result in a missed opportunity to recognize a deserving volunteer.

#### **Requirements:**

- Nominee must have performed services for which they are nominated during the past calendar year (January **2024** - December **2024**).
- Nominee must have been registered and trained in the position for which nominated.
- Nominee must have rendered noteworthy service above that which would be considered normal for the position, or have accomplished the normal duties in an outstanding manner.
- Nominee should have demonstrated those factors that represent the ideals of Scouting.

All nominations must be received by the Three Rivers District Executive before **April 9, 2025** to be considered. All nominations will be held in the strictest confidence.

Three separate Nomination forms are included. They are:

- District Award of Merit (*Nominations for this award will be accepted using only the official nomination form.*)
- Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Honor Unit
- All other Award categories

Using these forms, handwritten or typed Nominations are acceptable. Awards can then be submitted in several ways.

They can be emailed to [Jonathan.murdoch@scouting.org](mailto:Jonathan.murdoch@scouting.org). This is the preferred method of submission.

Or, they can also be mailed (or hand delivered) to the Council Service Center at the following address:

Three Rivers District Awards Committee

c/o Jon Murdoch

Scouting America Tidewater Council

1032 Heatherwood Dr

Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Award winners will be announced at the annual District Volunteer Recognition Event on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

## **Recognition Categories:**

**Cub Scouter of the Year** - One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Cub Scout Pack.

**Cub Scout Committee Member of the Year** - One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit committee member to a Pack.

**Cub Scout Sparkplug** - Multiple awards may be given in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Pack.

**Cub Scout Honor Unit** - One award is given in this category to one Pack with distinguished accomplishment that also provides service within the District as a group.

**Scouts BSA Scouter of the Year** - One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Scouts BSA Troop.

**Scouts BSA Committee Member of the Year** - One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit committee member to a Troop.

**Scouts BSA Sparkplug** - Multiple awards may be given in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Troop.

**Scouts BSA Honor Unit** - One award is given in this category to one Troop with distinguished accomplishment that also provides service within the District as a group.

**District Committee Member of the Year** - One award may be given in this category to recognize noteworthy and sustained service given at the district level by a member of the Three Rivers District Committee.

**District Committee Sparkplug** - Multiple awards may be given in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to the District Committee.

**Legend of Service** - One award may be given in this category to recognize sustained, significant leadership and service given at the unit or district level for a minimum of five years by a registered scouter within the Three Rivers District.



# 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.)

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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).

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District approval

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Council approval



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# Three Rivers District Honor Unit Nomination Form

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Organization Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based is as follows:

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Nomination Submitted By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Three Rivers District Award Nomination Form

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee is Registered as: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated for:

\_\_\_\_ Cub Scouter of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Scouts BSA Scouter of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Cub Scout Committee Member of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Scouts BSA Committee Member of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Cub Scout Sparkplug

\_\_\_\_ Scouts BSA Sparkplug

\_\_\_\_ District Committee Member of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Legend of Service

\_\_\_\_ District Committee Sparkplug

Additional Information:

Years in Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Past Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Past Awards Received (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based is as follows:

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Nomination Submitted By:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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