

Nominating a Scouter for an Award

(To give your candidate the best opportunity for selection)

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Prerequisites

Read the nomination form completely and confirm a candidate meets all the stated criteria. Examples:

The Council Duty to God Award requires a nominee to have already received an adult religious emblem. Some religious emblems specify a tenure prior to nomination. The North Star Award is only for non-registered adults, while most others can be given only to registered Scouters. The Fretwell Award is neutral regarding registration.

The Nomination Form

Awards committee members may have personal knowledge of some candidates, but their evaluation primarily comes from the information written on the form. Fill out every section of the form. Nominators are responsible for the research to make the submission accurate and complete.

Supplemental letters of support are very helpful and can add “color” that the form alone lacks. The best supporting letters come from respected leaders who have a working knowledge of the nominee and share stories that reveal the candidate’s impact.

Most forms state the nominee should not be informed of their nomination. Here are ways to gather information without the candidate’s involvement:

- Council staff can run a report of a candidate’s registration, training, and awards history. This can be attached to the nomination form.
- Talk to a nominee’s good friend, Scout professional, business associate, spouse, or son/daughter for information and leads. This is often the only way to discover involvement with other organizations and dates of service.

Nominations often have a stated “shelf life” and limit to the number of awardees each year. If unsuccessful this year, update the nomination and submit again next year.

Most of all, thank you for taking the time to nominate a deserving peer for public recognition.

List of Council and District Awards Requiring Nomination

Unit Leader Award of Merit	Council Alumnus of the Year Award
District Award of Merit	Whitney M. Young Award
Order of the Arrow Vigil Award	Vala la Pena! Award
Silver Beaver Award	Council Venturing Leadership Award
Distinguished Commissioner Award	Torch of Gold Award
Council Duty to God Award	
NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award	
North Star Award	
Fretwell Award	