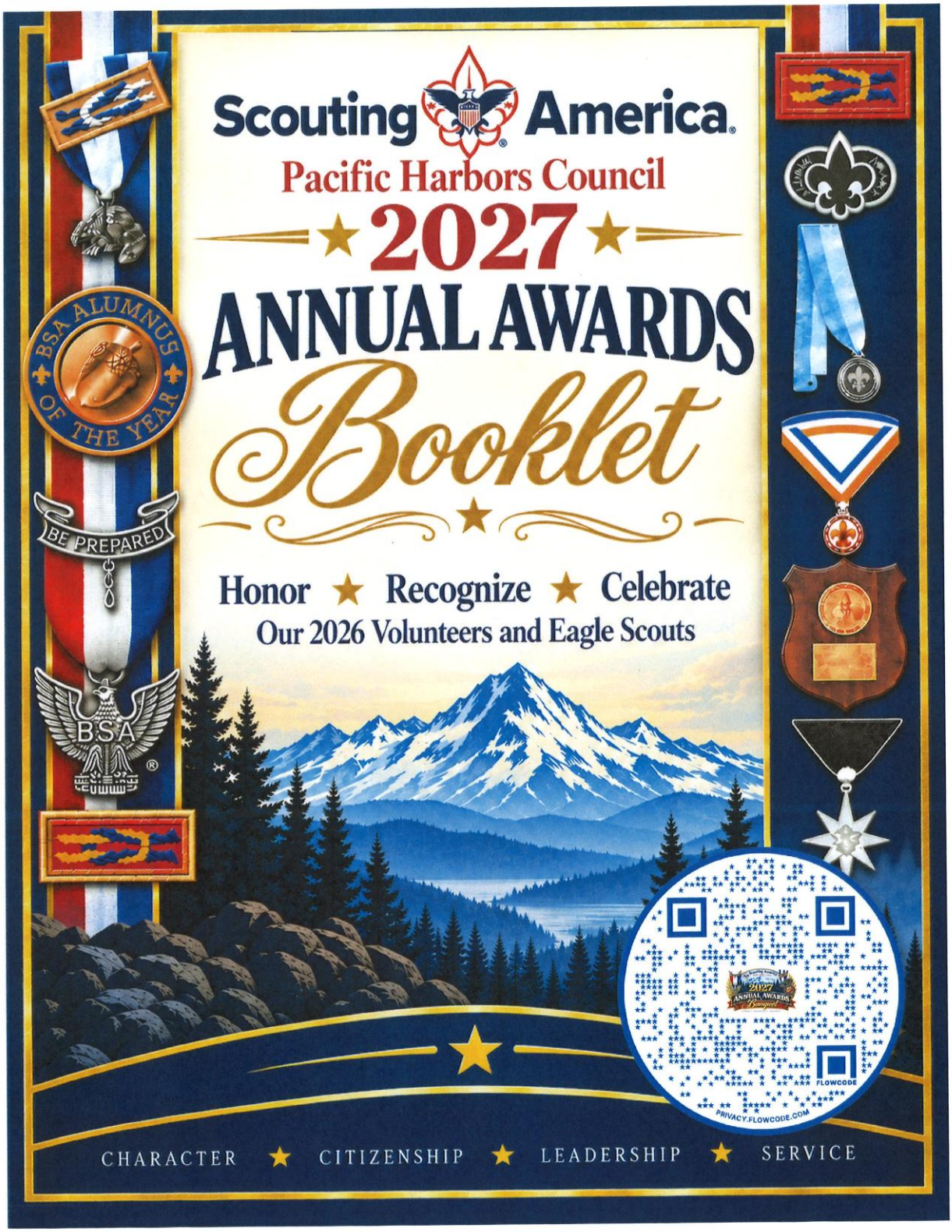


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# 2027 ANNUAL AWARDS (FOR 2026)

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Annually councils have an opportunity to recognize adult Scouters who have been truly dedicated to the local Scouting program. The council is currently limited to 3 Silver Beaver Awardees Annually.

**Silver Beaver Award**



Of the hundreds of awards that are presented each year, the Silver Beaver is the highest and most prestigious honor awarded to a volunteer by a local council. As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly volunteer, the Scouting America recognizes the need to acknowledge those individuals who truly go above and beyond to guarantee the availability of a quality Scouting program. Selectees are individuals who have demonstrated **outstanding and continued service to youth and community in and out of Scouting**. The official BSA Silver Beaver application is available at

**https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/silver-beaver/**

Email nominations directly to **PHCAwardssubmission@pacificharbors.org.**

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**NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)**




**Overview**

Recognition granted by the local council's NOESA committee to Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement at the local, state, or regional level; unlike the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, which is a national award, the NOESA recognizes Eagle Scouts whose efforts have been made closer to home.

**Who Can Earn This Award?**

Presented by council NESA committees to deserving Eagle Scouts.

**How to Get the Award**

Each council NESA committee may present two NOESA honors per year, with the option of awarding an additional NOESA for every 100 Eagle Scout Awards or fraction thereof over 100 awards certified the previous year. Unused quotas will be forfeited in the following year.

For example, a council with 101 Eagle Scouts would be able to award three NOESA honors, 201 Eagle Scouts would be able to award 4 NOESA honors, etc.

Details for this award can be found at https://nesa.org/awards-and-recognition/outstanding-eagle-scout-award/.

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## Alumni Award

The award recognizes registered Scouters who help unregistered alumni rejoin the program. This task breaks down into four categories of requirements:






- Alumni identification and promotion, such as contacting former members, planning alumni activities, and/or presenting to non-Scout groups.
- Alumni engagement, including helping two former members become registered Scouters or recruiting alumni to volunteer at Scouting events.
- Personal participation, which could mean serving on an alumni committee or sharing your experiences at the BSA Alumni Web site.
- Personal education, such as completing the online alumni training or taking an alumni course at the Philmont Training Center.

If you're an Eagle Scout, you'll also need to become a registered member of NESA, the National Eagle Scout Association. The requirements are tough, and that's by design. We expect folks to work just as hard as alumni as they did as Scouts.

More details and the application can be found at https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/alumi-award/. The application is a link at the bottom of the webpage.



## Venturing Leadership Award

Details for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/programs/venturing/venturing-awards-and-advancement/leadership/venturing-leadership-award/

In order to recognize Venturers and Venturing Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, councils, territories, and the BSA National Council may present individuals with the Venturing Leadership Award.

The council, territory, and national awards are selected by a task force of youth and adults from the respective tier and are processed by a committee that is formed by the respective level. Awards can be purchased through Scouting Supply and certificates can be made with the template below for presentation to the awardees.

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## Sea Scout Leadership Award

Details for this award can be found at:

https://seascout.org/news/sea-scout-leadership-award-2/

**The Sea Scout Leadership Award is presented by councils, territories, and the BSA National Council to Sea Scouts and Sea Scouters who have made exceptional contributions to Sea Scouting and who exemplify the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Sea Scout Promise. To be eligible for the SSLA, one must:**

- **Be registered and involved as a Sea Scout or Sea Scouter for at least one year.**
- **Hold a leadership position or an office at the unit, district, council, service territory, or national level.**
- **Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Sea Scouting and to Sea Scouts (at the level appropriate for the award).**

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## Council Duty to God Award

Details for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/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.

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## Council Distinguished Alumnus Award

Details for this award can be found at:

https://scoutingalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Council-Distinguished-Alumnus-Award-Nomination-3_2025.pdf

Scouting teaches many things to not only the Scouts participating within the program but also to those who help those young people along the way. Once learned, many take these skills and apply them to their daily lives, especially their vocation and other avocations in life. The Council Distinguished Alumnus Award is granted by Scouting Alumni, through recommendation of the local council's Alumni committee. This prestigious recognition honors those Alumni who have distinguished themselves through their positive actions, accomplishments, and devotion to their profession, hobby, community, and beliefs. Each recipient's record of distinguished service and accomplishments should elevate the public stature and reputation of Scouting overall by the nominee's association with Scouting. Service to Scouting is not required: many worthy recipients may not have been involved since their time as a young person.

Email nominations directly to **PHCAwardssubmission@pacificharbors.org.**



## Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award

Details for this award can be found at:

**https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/asian%20american/**

To recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Asian American youths.

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**Special Needs Scouting Service Award**

Details for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-

This award was established to provide clear and visible recognition to adults, volunteer and professional, who serve the community of members with disabilities/special needs of the Scouting movement. This award is earned by direct action on behalf of members with disabilities/special needs and by spreading the ideals of inclusiveness, diversity, and disability awareness in Scouting. The award is intended to create enhanced visibility of the resources available to serve these members and to ensure their success in Scouting.

This award provides multiple venues for serving that community. It will create a pool of potential recipients for the council level Torch of Gold Award and the national level Woods Services Award by identifying individuals who have given exemplary service to the Scouting program for members with disabilities/special needs.

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**Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award**

Details for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/whitney-young-award/

Recognizes outstanding service by an adult individual or by an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds.

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**Vale la Pena Service Award**

Details for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/scouting-valela-pena/

To recognize outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth.

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**North Star Award**

Details for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/north-star/

High-level award presented by councils on the behalf of the National Court of Honor for nonregistered volunteers who have made a significant contribution to Scouting; on same level as the Silver Beaver Award, which is for registered volunteers.

**Elbert K Fretwell Educator Award**

Details for this award can be found at:

https://scoutingwire.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/522-05918_EKFretwell_Guide.pdf

The Fretwell Award is not exclusively for classroom teachers. Any school employee who is equipping students to make moral and ethical choices is eligible for this award. This could be a teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria worker, attendance clerk, resource officer, teacher's aide, or any number of others. For clarification, this award recognizes what a person does for students in their professional role within education and not for what the person does directly for Scouting. While a Scouting volunteer who works in education is eligible for the Fretwell Award, there are many awards to recognize the service of volunteers to Scouting.




The George Meany Award

Detail for this award can be found at:

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/george-meany/

The George Meany Award is a national recognition approved by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. It may be presented to any adult union member who has made a significant contribution to the youth of their community through Scouting. Each AFL-CIO city central labor council and each AFL- CIO state federation is permitted to give one award annually. The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no rule that the quota must be used every year. No honorary recognition should be made. The purpose of this award is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to youth through the programs of Scouting America.

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## Community Organization Award

In recent years, representatives of several national chartered organizations have inquired about the development of recognition that could be given to registered adult leaders in units chartered to community organizations, similar to the adult religious awards presented by various denominations and faith groups. After study and evaluation, Scouting America's National Court of Honor approved the concept of a Community Organization Award square knot. This square knot would be available to be worn by uniformed Scouters who have been recognized for their service to Scouting youth in the community.

https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/community-organization-award/

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