NOMINATION
FOR THE
DISTRICT
AWARD OF MERIT

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.

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

_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award

_____ Cubmaster Award

_____ Cub Scouter Award

_____ Webelos Den Leader Award

_____ Scouter's Training Award

_____ Scouter's Key

_____ Scouter's Religious Award

_____ Silver Beaver

_____ Order of the Arrow

_____ Wood Badge

_____ Venturing Awards

_____ Distinguished Commissioner Service Award

_____ Other (specify) _____

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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 based on 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 attend 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).

District approval

Council approval

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Pathfinder Award

Please use this form to nominate Scouters for the Pathfinder Award

The Pathfinder Award was established in 2020 to honor Scouters whose impact extends far beyond the walls of their own unit. Recipients of this award are individuals who not only dedicate themselves to delivering quality Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Exploring programs, but also demonstrate a deep commitment to strengthening Scouting across the broader community.
These leaders embody the true spirit of service by giving generously of their time, talents, and energy, not only ensuring that young people in their unit thrive, but also lending their experience and leadership at the District and Council levels. Their significant contributions help open new pathways for youth, foster collaboration among volunteers, and build lasting programs that will continue to shape lives for years to come.
The Pathfinder Award recognizes Scouters whose vision, dedication, and unwavering commitment inspire others and leave a meaningful legacy within Scouting. ***One recipient may be recognized per unit. Once recognized, they cannot earn this award again.***

This nomination form MUST be turned in via drop off to the monthly Roundtable, Council Office Drop box or send via email: awarddinner@pathfinderlhc.org

Name of nominee:_____ Unit:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

City:_____ Nominee Email:_____

Position:_____ How many years in Scouting?_____

Unit positions held during their Scouting Career:

Contributions at the District and/or Council level:

Name of person nominating individual:_____

Phone #:_____ Unit:_____

Email Address:_____

Pathfinder Compass Award

Please use this form to nominate Scouters for the Pathfinder Compass Award

Many Scouters quietly give of themselves in ways that may not always be seen beyond their own Unit, yet their efforts are essential to the strength and vitality of Scouting. These individuals guide, support, and inspire youth in their neighborhood. Helping the youth to chart a course toward leadership, character, and service.

The Pathfinder Compass Award was created to recognize Scouters whose greatest impact is at the Unit level, where the foundation of Scouting truly begins. Their dedication directly shapes the quality of the program and ensures that young people have a meaningful and lasting Scouting experience.

Recipients of the Compass Award are selected by the Pathfinder District Commissioners in honor of their steady guidance, commitment, and positive influence, qualities that serve as a true compass for the future of Scouting.

This nomination form MUST be turned in via drop off to the monthly Roundtable, Council Office Drop box or send via email: awarddinner@pathfinderlhc.org

Name of nominee:_____ Unit:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

City:_____ Nominee Email:_____

Position:_____ How many years in Scouting?_____

How has this individual supported their Unit and contributed to the growth of its youth?

In what ways has this leader inspired or encouraged other adults within the Unit?

Would the Unit be the same without this person? Why or why not?

Name of person nominating individual:_____

Phone #:_____ Unit:_____

Email Address:_____

Pathfinder Legacy Awards

Please use this form to nominate Scouts for the Pathfinder Legacy Award

Established in 2020, the Pathfinder Legacy Award honors those remarkable Scouters whose commitment to Scouting endures long after their own children have “graduated” from the program. These individuals embody the spirit of lifelong service, continuing to share their time, talents, and wisdom to strengthen Scouting at the Unit, District, and Council levels.

Recipients of this award will have demonstrated at least 5 years of continued service beyond their family’s direct involvement. Their dedication ensures that new generations of youth benefit from the same opportunities for growth, leadership, and adventure that first inspired their own families. By remaining active mentors, supporters, and role models, Legacy Award recipients leave a lasting imprint on the Scouting movement and exemplify the timeless values of the Scout Oath and Law. ***One recipient may be recognized per unit. Once recognized, they cannot earn this award again.***

This nomination form MUST be turned in via drop off to the monthly Roundtable, Council Office Drop box or send via email: awarddinner@pathfinderlhc.org

Name of nominee:_____ Unit:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

City:_____ Nominee Email:_____

Position:_____ How many years in Scouting?_____

Unit positions held during their Scouting Career:

Activities performed at the District and/or Council level:

Name of person nominating Individual:_____

Phone #:_____ Unit:_____

Email Address:_____

Pathfinder Driving Force Award

Please use this form to nominate Scouters for the Pathfinder Driving Force Award

The **Pathfinder Driving Force Award** celebrates an outstanding individual whose passion, energy, and determination bring ideas to life. While Scouting thrives on teamwork, this award honors those who serve as the spark that ignites action and drives meaningful experiences. These leaders inspire others, tackle challenges with dedication, and ensure every youth enjoys a memorable and transformative Scouting journey.

One recipient may be recognized per unit. Once recognized, they cannot earn this award again.

This nomination form MUST be turned in via drop off to the monthly Roundtable, Council Office Drop box or send via email: awarddinner@pathfinderlhc.org

Name of nominee:_____ Unit:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

City:_____ Nominee Email:_____

Position:_____ How many years in Scouting?_____

Unit positions held during their Scouting Career: How many years with Scouting:

Please state your reason for nominating this person.

Name of person nominating Individual:_____

Phone #:_____ Unit:_____

Email Address:_____

Annual Pathfinder Service Awards

Established in 2020, the Pathfinder Service Award recognizes Units that have demonstrated exceptional dedication to serving their communities. Service is at the heart of Scouting, and these awards honor Packs and Troops that go above and beyond in living out the Scout Oath and Law through meaningful community engagement.

Each year, the top three Packs and the top three Troops in the District are selected based on their ratio of logged service hours to the number of registered members. This recognition highlights not just participation, but the spirit of giving back that defines true Scouting excellence.

Annual Pathfinder Golden Shovel Award

The Pathfinder Golden Shovel Award represents the pinnacle of Scouting service within the District. In addition to the Service Awards, this honor is presented to the single Unit with the highest ratio of logged service hours to registered members.

The Golden Shovel is more than a symbol: it reflects the Unit’s extraordinary commitment to making a tangible difference in the community. By setting the standard in service, these Scouts and leaders exemplify the values of leadership, responsibility, and citizenship that Scouting strives to instill in every young person.