

Nolachuckey District Adult Leader Awards

Adult leaders in the district are eligible for a number of awards based on their service to Scouting. See the nomination form or application for each award for the specific requirements. Nomination forms and applications, as well as lists of past recipients of key awards may be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/2O9v6be> (note letter "O", not digit zero), or by scanning the QR code below:



Application Procedure and Deadlines

- Nominations for District Award of Merit and Unit Leader Award of Merit must be submitted to the District Committee by April 9, 2026.
- Completed service and veteran award applications must be submitted to the District Committee by April 9, 2026.
- Nominations for Nolachuckey District Outstanding Unit Scouter Award, Nolachuckey District Unsung Hero Award and Nolachuckey District First Year Scouter Award must be submitted to the District Committee by April 9, 2026.
- If you have questions or need more information, please email Bob Showalter <showaltb@gmail.com>

Merit-Based Awards

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

District Award of Merit

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.

Unit Leader Award of Merit

Quality unit leadership is the key to a quality unit program—and it leads to better Scout retention. Statistics show that if young people stay engaged in the program for at least five years, the BSA's influence likely will stay with them for the rest of their lives. A quality Scouting experience will help keep

Scouts in the program, and the Boy Scouts of America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen.

Service Awards

District-Level Service Awards

- District Committee Key
- District Committee Scouter's Training Award
- Commissioner's Key
- Commissioner's Arrowhead Honor

Unit-Level Service Awards

- Cubmaster's Key
- Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting
- Den Leader's Training Award
- Scoutmaster's Key
- Scouter's Training Award for Scouts BSA Leaders

Veteran Award

Adults who have maintained at least five years of registered service in the Boy Scouts of America (including tenure as a registered youth) are eligible to receive Veteran Award recognition. The award is available for each multiple of 5 years' service.

Unofficial District Awards

In addition to the official BSA awards listed above, Nolachuckey District has established three unofficial awards to recognize service to youth in our district.

Nolachuckey District Outstanding Unit Scouter Award

The Outstanding Unit Scouter Award recognizes outstanding service to Scouting youth at the unit level within the Nolachuckey district by a registered adult Scouter. This award is designed to recognize those individuals who work tirelessly to deliver the scouting program directly to youth or indirectly through unit support.

Nolachuckey District Unsung Hero Award

The Unsung Hero Award recognizes "unsung heroes" in the Nolachuckey district; those people who make valuable contributions to Scouting units in the district but aren't always visible. This may be a leader working directly with youth, a committee member, a parent, or a member of the community who supports the unit. The recipients are chosen directly by the units.

Nolachuckey District First Year Scouter Award

The Outstanding First Year Unit Scouter Award recognizes outstanding service to Scouting youth at the unit level within the Nolachuckey district by a registered adult Scouter that has been registered during this scouting year. This award is designed to recognize those individuals who work tirelessly to deliver the scouting program directly to youth or indirectly through unit support.