

District Award Nominations

Below you will find nomination forms for recognizing Scouters at the unit and district levels. As well as nationally recognized nomination forms.

Nomination form for District Awards – due March 15

- Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing crew advisor, committee chair (for any unit) and charter organization representative of the year awards
- Unsung Hero Award – someone who goes above and beyond in the district.
- “Sparkplug” – each pack, troop, or crew can recognize one of their adult leaders for going above and beyond.

Nomination for the District Award of Merit – due March 15

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.

These nomination forms must be sent via email to: Mayflower Awards

The district key 3 typically will present the awards at the annual district recognition dinner.



**Download the fillable PDF
District Awards Form**



**Download the
District Award of Merit Form**

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is presented to registered Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Nominations must be made on the national nomination form and must be received no later than March 15,

2021.

Completed nominations must be sent via email to: Awards@mayflowerbsa.org. The awards will be presented at the District's Recognition Dinner.

Tantamous Lodge Officers

Click on the position or the chapter to send an email.

Position	Name
Lodge Chief	Radomil B.
Vice Chief of Program	Ryan K.
Vice Chief of Inductions	Evan S.
Vice Chief of Communications	Logan H.
Vice Chief of Chapter Operations	Liam H.
Vice Chief of Administration	Alyssa B.
Vice Chief of Finance	Michael A.

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Chapter Chief	Name
Japeechen	Cole W.
Ktemaque	Elijah H.
Manoment	Michael Z.
Musketahquid	James C.
Taunkacoo	Nathan H.

Environmental Protection Agency – 50 Years

50th Anniversary – Program Term: January 1 – December 31, 2021

The Environmental Protection Agency, as part of a public awareness campaign to celebrate its first 50 years, has partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to create an award for members of troops, crews and ships. This new award will recognize youth who research and learn about the subjects of human health and the environment, as the EPA develops its vision for the next 50 years.

The objective of the EPA award is to combine a variety of disciplines to challenge and educate youth; introduce them to the breadth of the EPA's involvement in environmental protection and conservation; and encourage them to research, investigate, experiment, demonstrate, survey, and study air pollution, water pollution, solid and hazardous waste, and ocean dumping.

Members must earn the Public Health merit badge and three additional merit badges from selected categories. Finally, they must participate in an environmental/public health community service project as part of an approved Scouting program.

Download the application [here](#).

Completed applications are submitted to the local Scout Shop

to receive the commemorative patch.

Congratulate your Eagle Scout!

Congratulate an Eagle Scout in a Special Digital Edition of Scout Life

Scout Life is honored to introduce the special digital edition to honor and celebrate the Eagle Scout Class of 2020, including the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts, all of whom earned the highest rank in the Scouts BSA program while navigating unprecedented challenges last year. Families with either a young man or young woman (or both!) who earned the Eagle Scout Award last year are welcome to commemorate their Scout's achievement in this issue.

To honor Scouts that earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2020, those who want to commemorate a Scout's achievement can buy an ad in a special digital edition of Scout Life, which will be available in the Scout Life app (available at the App Store and on Google Play) and on scoutlife.org at the end of January.

Submissions can include photos for each advertisement, as well as a special message. **The deadline to purchase an ad is January 27, 2021. Pricing is \$450 for a full-page ad, \$300 for a half-page ad and \$200 for a quarter-page ad.**

If you have any questions, please contact kendra.tidwell@scouting.org.

Congressional Award Scouts Can Earn

In Congress, it's the rare subject about which there's unanimous agreement.

It's the Congressional Award, the highest recognition Congress bestows on young people. To qualify, a young person must meet certain goals in four key areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.

Are you thinking what I'm thinking? Yes, many of the activities young people enjoy in Scouting fit nicely into those four categories. Better yet, double-dipping is encouraged, meaning work on merit badges, rank requirements and Eagle projects counts toward the award.

This natural correlation explains why, in 1999, the BSA became partners with the Congressional Award Foundation, which remains Congress' only charity.

As jobs and colleges become increasingly more competitive, the Congressional Award – along with a young person's experience in Scouting – will look great on a résumé. That “something extra” is exactly what hiring managers and college admissions counselors want to see.

Scouts have been earning the Congressional Award ever since it was established in 1979. In 2019, at **least 75 of the 538 Congressional Award Gold Medal recipients were Scouts**. But I say it's time to raise that number even higher. The award is

noncompetitive, meaning anyone who properly completes the requirements will receive the award.

Important: Scouts must register first

Before you consider retroactively counting Scouting experience toward the award, let me point out one key statement from the Congressional Award site: "This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals after registering for the program."

That means your Scouts should register for the award as soon as possible after turning 13.5 years old, giving them the maximum amount of time to count Scouting requirements toward their progress.

But even if your Scout or Venturer is 16, 17 or older, all hope is not lost. They have until their 24th birthday to complete the requirements.

'Things I was already doing in Scouting'

After registering, any qualifying activity – in school, Scouting or another extracurricular activity – can count toward the award. That fact is confirmed in the award's FAQs: "If you belong to groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturing, 4-H, etc., your activities may often be used to achieve a particular goal."

That was certainly the case for Eagle Scout Todd Christian, who earned the Congressional Award in 2019, at age 23.

"I completed all of the requirements for the program exclusively through the things I was already doing through Scouting," he says.

Christian earned the Gold Medal, which is the highest of the Congressional Award's six levels. That top honor includes an invite to the national award ceremony in Washington, D.C.,

where honorees meet other recipients as well as their congressional representatives. (Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's ceremony was held virtually.)

The Gold Medal requires at least 400 hours of volunteer time, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness, and an expedition of at least five days and four nights.

"Essentially, anyone who completes a multiday trek as well as a comprehensive service project – what we call an Eagle project – has already overcome a major hurdle to receiving the top award," Christian says.

The entry-level award – the Bronze Certificate – is within even closer reach for most Scouts. It requires 30 hours of volunteer service, 15 hours of personal development, 15 hours of physical fitness, and a one-day expedition or exploration.

"Virtually every Scout has met these requirements many times over, just by being a Scout," Christian says.

Learn more about the program and how you can earn your award.

[Read More](#)

Scouting Safely Online Resources

Do you know where to find up-to-the-minute safety information for Scouts and Scouters? The **scouting.org** website. Take time to become familiar with all the safety information under Scouting Safely to help all of us keep Scouts safe.

- Scouting Safely Alerts
 - Guide to Safe Scouting
 - The Sweet 16 of BSA Safety
 - Annual Health and Medical Record
 - Incident Reporting
 - Safety Moments
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Merit Badge Requirement Updates

The following merit badges have been updated as of January 1, 2021.

- Archaeology (4b; requirements 8-11 reordered)
- Collections (1, 5a, 5c, 5e, 5f; deleted 7; added 3d)
- Digital Technology (5b)
- Disability Awareness (1a, 1b)
- Electricity (10)
- Fish and Wildlife Management (3)
- Fishing (10)
- Fly-Fishing (10, 11)
- Lifesaving (1, 2, 15, 16)
- Motorboating (1a, 2a, 3a, 4, 5a, 5c)
- Photography (1a, 1b)
- Public Health (1)
- Rowing (2)
- Sports (1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 4)
- Theater (5, added 3j)
- Woodwork (7)

[Learn More](#)

New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

There is a new Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook available. Please make sure that your Life Scout is using the correct workbook when requesting a project review from the district. Download the new workbook. For more information and details contact your district advancement chairperson.

[Learn More](#)

Headwaters January 2021 RT Powerpoint

Thank you to everyone that joined us on January 7, 2020 Roundtable!

We hope everyone had a good holiday season, happy new year to all, welcome back to what is going to be a great year of Scouting!

Below is the powerpoint from our Roundtable, please access it to see what we discussed and the points we discussed.

1.7.2021 Roundtable Powerpoint

There are also many helpful links below:

- COVID-19 Updates to Advancement from the BSA: [Link Here](#)
- Bryan on Scouting – Getting ready for Pinewood Derby

Events/Virtually – Link Here

- Membership and Marketing Webinars: Link Here
- Another webinar is taking place on 1/20 – discussing social media with the admins of several Scouting groups on Facebook.

▪ Register Here:
https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M6r1Z6sLSGqkV0gapLV2Eg?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swemployee162021&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

Talk to you all soon! Thank you for everything you do!