

2019 Silver Beaver Award Nominations

In Scouting, we say “it’s about the youth” and none of our adults are involved for the recognition, but every now and then we need to say thanks especially to those volunteers whose leadership and example has left a lasting positive impact on the program and the broader community. One way we do that is through nominating a Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult recognition a council can bestow. Take a few moments to reflect on volunteers within your unit or district and consider nominating them for the Silver Beaver Award.

A detailed nomination form is available by clicking [here](#) and all nominations must be received by Monday, December 3, 2018.

Completed nominations can be sent via email or dropped off at the Canton or Marlborough Service Center. The awards will be presented at the Council’s Recognition Dinner in January.

Frequently asked questions about the Silver Beaver Award:

Overview

To recognize registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. The award is presented by the National Court of Honor on behalf of councils.

Who Can Earn This Award?

Anyone may nominate any deserving registered Scouter to the council, which selects recipients for the following year. Each council may process their own annual allotment of Silver

Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver awards presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.

Staffing Update

We regretfully announce that Tim Forsberg, District Executive of Sachem District is leaving his position with Mayflower Council. This is a great loss to the council but we can only wish Tim the best of luck in his new endeavors. Tim's duties will be assumed by Rick Riopelle, Director of Field Service until a new District Executive is hired.

National Eagle Scholarship

You must be a current member of NESA to apply for the following scholarships.

There are three types of Eagle Scholarships:

- *Academic*
 - Academic scholarships weigh academic performance, school and Scouting participation, and financial need.
 - Academic scholarships include a range of

scholarships, up to four \$25,000 scholarships (payable at \$6,250 per year for four years) one \$48,000 scholarship (payable at up to \$12,000 per year for four years) and a \$50,000 STEM scholarship for an Eagle Scout planning to major in a science, technology, engineering, or math field.

- *Merit*

- Hall/McElwain scholarships
Awarded based on school and Scouting participation as well as community service.
\$5,000 – 40 minimum awarded annually
- Robert and Rebecca Palmer scholarship
Awarded based on school and Scouting participation as well as community service.
\$2,500 – Three awarded annually
- Bailey scholarship
Awarded based on school and Scouting participation as well as community service.
\$2,000 – One awarded annually
\$4,000 – One awarded annually
- Michael S. Malone/Windrush Publishing scholarship
Awarded based on desire to pursue studies in journalism.
\$2,500 – One awarded annually

- *Field Study*

- Since the program's launch in 2012, over fifty Eagle Scouts have earned the distinction to be considered a NESA World Explorer. These young men have assisted researchers in destinations including the Galápagos Islands, Mammoth Cave, Amazon rainforest and South Africa.

The scholarship window for all scholarships is August 1st through October 31st. Eagle Scouts who want to apply must do so by midnight in their time zone by October 31.

Learn More and Apply

2019 Eagle Scout Service Project Of The Year

Mayflower Council NESA Committee

Is now accepting nominations for the

2019 Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year

The National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each year, the Mayflower Council National Eagle Scout Association Committee may select a winner from the applications received.

The recognition consists of a bronze device for the Eagle square knot, and a \$250 award. Our winner's Service Project will be submitted to the NE Region NESA Committee for consideration of their \$500 award. If the Region selects his project, he will be in consideration for the National \$2,500 award

Eligibility

You must have completed your Eagle Board in calendar 2019.

How to Apply

For more information and to download the Application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year, please visit:

NESA Adams Award

A complete duplicate copy of your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by you to the Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to your application. Please note this copy will NOT be returned to you.

Applications must be received in the Council office or E-mailed on or before January 21, 2020

Your completed application should be sent to:

US Mail to:

NESA Eagle Scout Service Project Award

Mayflower Council BSA

2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 100

Marlborough, MA 01752

Or **Email a PDF copy to:** nesa@mayflowerbsa.org

Columbus Day

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, October 8th in honor of Columbus Day.

Learn To Save A Life

... AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE!

Did you know that Mayflower Council offers training and certification in CPR/AED, Professional Rescuer CPR/AED, First Aid, and Wilderness and Remote First Aid (WRFA)? Our team of volunteer instructors offers this training at a discounted rate for Scouts and Scouters. We only charge what it takes to recoup the cost of Red Cross certification and to maintain our teaching supplies.

Below is a *partial* schedule of our offerings through June 2019.

Please, before you consider signing up for any of these courses, take note of the following:

- We limit registration in these courses to 20 participants so that each participant gets enough instructor attention.
- CPR/AED (current within two years) *is a prerequisite* for WRFA.
- “First Aid” is a *basic* first Aid course. It is *not* a prerequisite for WRFA. If you want to take WRFA, you don’t also need to take “basic” First Aid as a prerequisite
- WRFA is required by the BSA for two adults accompanying

youth BSA members to any BSA “high-adventure” venues, or any *real* (away from a road) wilderness location.

- From October through May we will offer WRFA five times vs. the three times we have offered the course previously. Based on demand in previous years, we offer this training once in the fall and four times in winter/spring. Please plan ahead and register early. If you realize at the last minute that you need this training, it may be too late to get into our course.
- Minimum age for certification in CPR/AED and/or First Aid is 11. Minimum age for WRFA is 14. Certification in these courses is for two years.
- The per-person fee for CPR/AED or First Aid certification is \$35 for BSA-registered individuals, \$60 for non-BSA registered individuals. The per-person fee for WRFA certification is \$90 regardless of BSA affiliation.
- Most of the courses below will be at Nobscot Reservation in Sudbury. Courses in other parts of the council will be added over the next few months.

Mayflower Council CPR/AED, and First Aid Training and Certification Opportunities, October 2018-June 2019

CPR/AED: Tuesday, October 16: [Sign Up Here](#)

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, October 20-21: [Sign Up Here](#)

CPR/AED: Tuesday, November 6: [Sign Up Here](#)

First Aid: Tuesday, November 27: [Sign Up Here](#)

CPR/AED: Tuesday, January 8: [Sign Up Here](#)

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, January 12-13: [Sign Up Here](#)

CPR/AED: Tuesday, February 5: Sign Up Here

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, February 9-10: Sign Up Here

First Aid: Tuesday, February 26: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, March 5: Sign Up Here

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, March 9-10: Sign Up Here

First Aid: Tuesday, March 26: Sign Up Here

WRFA: Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, April 9: Sign Up Here

First Aid: Tuesday, April 23: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, May 7: Sign Up Here

Professional Rescuer CPR/AED: May 18: Sign Up Here

First Aid: Tuesday, May 21: Sign Up Here

CPR/AED: Tuesday, June 11: Sign Up Here

Questions: George Ecker, 781-235-6104, mushmahatma@verizon.net

Den Chief Training

What's a Den Chief, you ask?

It's a Boy Scout or Venturer who makes a commitment to assist a Cub Scout den. The Den Chief program is a "win-win-win-win": the pack and den get a helping hand (someone who's probably great at teaching Scouting skills and leading skits, songs,

and games!), the Cub Scouts get a role model who inspires them to grow in Scouting, the Den Chief gets valuable leadership experience (and credit toward rank advancement), and the troop or crew gets an ideal recruiter working directly with the pack. Once you've recruited your Den Chiefs, set them up for success by getting them trained! Our training team will be offering Den Chief training on:

September 29th – Norwood

October 13th – Weston

October 27th – Hanover

December 1st – Hanson

Click on the date to sign up!

Scout Me In – Join Scouting Night

It's September and that means back to school and back to Scouting. Recruitment season is upon us and thousands of kids across Massachusetts are ready to say Scout Me In!

With an exciting new take on what it's like to be a Scout, our new Scout Me In recruitment campaign features both boys and girls and invites everyone to join the fun and adventure of Scouting.

So, is your pack ready to recruit? From flyers to videos to social media images, we've got you covered with resources to welcome new families. Download the latest recruitment resources by clicking below.

Recruitment Supplies

Program Kickoff For Cub Scout Leaders

Attention Cub Scout leaders: Please join us at our upcoming Cub Scout Leader Training Festivals:

Norwood on September 29, Weston on October 13, and Hanover on October 27!

These events are a great chance for new AND experienced leaders to kick off the year with basic training to set you up for success (earn the “Trained” patch for your position), workshops on a variety of other useful topics, a chance to pick up leader guides and other resources without a trip to the council office or Scout store, and delicious food. We’ll also run a fun program for Cub Scout-age youth while their parents are getting trained. This festival is a great chance to meet and share ideas with fellow volunteers.

Registration is open for all three dates: pick the date that works for you and just come for the sessions you want. We hope to see you there!

Free Scoutbook Subscriptions

Starting January 1, 2019, Scoutbook subscriptions will be free to all BSA units! Scoutbook is an online unit management tool that ensures that you never miss a Scouting moment—from tracking advancements to milestone achievements along the Scouting adventure.

When units with Scoutbook accounts need to renew these unit subscriptions this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees effective September 1, 2018. For units currently without a Scoutbook account, they can begin their free Scoutbook unit subscription on January 1, 2019.

[Learn More Here](#)