

BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND GRAND CANYON COUNCIL HONORS

The Boy Scouts of America and Grand Canyon Council recognize exceptional service to youth and Scouting in many ways, the principal, and most prestigious, are through its Honors system. Each honor may be granted only once to a recipient. The National Council grants four honor awards:

Silver Buffalo. The Silver Buffalo Award, created in 1925, is bestowed upon those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award, Scouting's highest commendation, recognizes the invaluable contributions that outstanding American men and women render to youth. The service must be national in character and may or may not be directly connected with the BSA. Additional information is available at the following link: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Silver_Buffalo_512-102.pdf

Silver Antelope. The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is the regional-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters of exceptional character in their region to recognize their distinguished service to youth. Additional information is available at the following link: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-105_WB.pdf

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 at the council level. Additional information is available at the following link: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>. Nominations may be made on the Grand Canyon Council website at: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/awards/>

North Star Award. The North Star Award is for non-Scouters. Councils, areas, regions, and national may use this new award to recognize individuals for significant contributions to Scouting. This award is on par with the Silver Beaver which recognizes registered Scouters for their distinguished service. An individual who was previously registered with the BSA but is currently not registered is eligible to receive this award. However, any contributions made as a registered Scouter cannot and must not be considered. Only those contributions made as a non-Scouter may be considered for the North Star Award. Additional information is available at the following link: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>

The Grand Canyon Council awards three honors in addition to the four national honors listed above:

Distinguished Service Star. The Distinguished Service Star, created in 2016, is a lifetime achievement award bestowed upon those who give exceptionally distinguished service to Scouting at the council, district or unit level over a period of at least 15 years. It is most often awarded to Silver Beaver or Meritorious Service Star recipients who have continued to give distinguished service.

Meritorious Service Star. The Meritorious Service Star, created in 2016, is an award bestowed on those who give noteworthy service to Scouting at the council, district or unit level over a period of at least five years. It usually precedes the Silver Beaver and follows the District Award of Merit.

District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is awarded by all councils nationally to registered Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The following table sets forth the requirements for nominating an individual for a Boy Scouts of America honor at the council or district level:

District Award of Merit	Meritorious Service Star	North Star	Silver Beaver	Distinguished Service Star
<p>Rank: Council Eligibility: Registered Scouters Recognizes: Noteworthy service to youth at District level in or out of Scouting. Typically first honor granted to a Scouter. Max/year: 1/25 units. Requirements: Using nomination form: 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</p>	<p>Rank: Council Eligibility: Registered Scouters Recognizes: Outstanding service to Scouting at the unit, district or council level for at least 5 years. Typically second honor granted to a Scouter. Max/year: 1/40 units. Requirements: Using nomination form: 1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter. 2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to Scouting. Note: The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the success of Scouting or it may have been given to</p>	<p>Rank: National Eligibility: Non-registered Volunteers Recognizes: Distinguished service to Scouting or youth at the council level. Max/year: No limit. Requirements: 1. Fill out National nomination form. 2. Furnish as much information as possible on why the nominee should be recognized. (See Record of Service for areas). 3. Nomination cannot be for posthumous awards. 4. This award is not to be used to supplement or replace the Silver Beaver Award. It is to recognize non-Scouters whereas the</p>	<p>Rank: National Eligibility: Registered Scouters Recognizes: Noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council. Typically, third honor granted to a Scouter. Max/year: 1/60 units. Requirements: Using nomination form: 1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate. 2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section. 3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21</p>	<p>Rank: Council Eligibility: Registered Scouters Recognizes: Noteworthy service of exceptional character to Scouting within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council. Typically granted only to a recipient of prior honors. Max/year: 3, plus 1/250 units beyond 750. Requirements: Using nomination form: 1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate. 2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section. 3. Adults 21 and older who are registered with</p>

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<p>been given to a small group over an extended period of time.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.</p> <p>* Professionals not eligible for their professional service, but may be eligible for volunteer service.</p> <p>** Not appropriate to nominate someone who has already received.</p> <p>Record of Service Includes:</p> <p>1 Current registration.</p> <p>2 Scouting training awards and honors.</p>	<p>a small group over an extended period of time.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.</p> <p>* Professionals not eligible for their professional service, but may be eligible for volunteer service.</p> <p>** Not appropriate to nominate someone who has already received.</p> <p>*** Generally not awarded within 3 years of either District Award of Merit or Silver Beaver</p> <p>Record of Service Includes:</p>	<p>Silver Beaver recognizes registered Scouters</p> <p>Record of Service:</p> <p>1. Record of service to the BSA.</p> <p>2. Statement covering the nominee's standing in the community, citing activities in which the individual is most active in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veteran, rural, and other fields exclusive of Scouting.</p> <p>3. Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the territory under the jurisdiction of the council.</p> <p>Selection: Council committee with approval of council Key 3 and National.</p>	<p>and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters.</p> <p>4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.</p> <p>5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.</p> <p>Record of Service includes:</p> <p>1. Current and past registration.</p> <p>2. Service to BSA at council level, district level and unit level leadership.</p> <p>3 Significant council-level service to youth made by nominee.</p> <p>4. Training courses completed.</p>	<p>the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters.</p> <p>4. Nominations for professional Scouters and council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.</p> <p>5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.</p> <p>6. Recognition for district service requires the recipient to have received the District Award of Merit or Meritorious Service Star. Recognition of council service requires the recipient to have received the Meritorious Service Star or Silver Beaver.</p> <p>* Generally not awarded within 10 years of the District Award of Merit, Meritorious Service Star or Silver Beaver.</p> <p>Record of Service includes:</p> <p>1. Current and past registration.</p>

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<p>3. The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based. (Furnish as much information as possible on service to youth in Scouting and in community. 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.).</p> <p>Selection: District honors committee with approval of district and council Key 3.</p>	<p>1 Current and past registration.</p> <p>2 Scouting training, training awards and honors.</p> <p>3. The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based. (Furnish as much information as possible for service to Scouting. For example: Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, 10 years, camporee chair, 5 years, etc.).</p> <p>Selection: Council honors committee with approval of council Key 3.</p>		<p>5. Scouting recognition received.</p> <p>6. Noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth outside of Scouting.</p> <p>7. Additional noteworthy comments on the nominee's standing in the community (service to other organizations).</p> <p>8. Letters of recommendation.</p> <p>Selection: Council honors committee with approval of council Key 3 and National.</p>	<p>2. Service to BSA at council level, district level and unit level leadership.</p> <p>3 Significant council-level service made by nominee.</p> <p>4. Training courses completed.</p> <p>5. Scouting recognition received.</p> <p>6. Narrative of why this person is uniquely qualified to receive.</p> <p>8. Letters of recommendation.</p> <p>Selection: Council honors committee with approval of council Key 3.</p>

How to make a nomination:

You can make an on-line nomination for the Silver Beaver, Meritorious Service Star or Distinguished Service Star by going to <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/awards/>

Other Scouting Awards

In addition to its formal honors, Scouting has a number of other awards that recognize contributions by individuals or institutions to the service of youth or Scouting.