



2024 Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form

THE AWARD

The Silver Beaver Award is presented by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, through the local Council to adult volunteer Scouters for their distinguished service to youth and their community. The Award is intended to acknowledge noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters including but not limited to Cub Scouters, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of Pathway to Adventure.

It is considered to be the highest award a Boy Scout Council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter.

ELIGIBILITY

Any registered adult Scouter (21 or older) who has a record of quality service to Scouting, his or her community, and non-Scouting youth, is eligible for nomination. Nominations will *not* be considered for former professional Scouters or Council employees within 5 years of their leaving employment with the BSA (i.e., any form of full-time or part-time employment such as secretary, ranger, or professional technical position). Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Candidates for the award shall be registered volunteer Scouters within the council territory.
- Candidates must be at least 21 years of age.
- Candidates must have rendered exceptional service to youth.

Nominations may be initiated by adults who have served with the nominee or who are otherwise personally familiar with the nominee's service record to the council, which selects recipients. **ONLY the nomination form 92-103 from the National filestore will be accepted for consideration.**

DEVELOPING YOUR NOMINATION:

1. Review the Silver Beaver Award nomination form.

There are three service categories:

- A. BSA Record of Service.
- B. Service to Youth Outside of Scouting
- C. Standing in Community

2. Gather records and information for the nominee in the three service categories. If you would like a printout of the My.Scouting profile for your nominee, please call or email Kathy Daloia, 312-421-8800, ext. 238 or katherine.daloia@scouting.org by Friday, December 1, 2023.
3. Complete the Nomination Form, summarizing the Nominee's service record.
4. Letters of Recommendation: It is highly encouraged that you send letters of recommendation with your nomination package however, only the first four letters of recommendation will be accepted for any given nominee. This means that if more than one nomination is submitted for the same person, the first four letters of recommendation submitted will be used and the others will not be considered. Letters of recommendation provide a personal story about the nominee that the rest of the nomination package simply cannot. Letters of recommendation may be from any of the following: Church,

Civic/Community/Fraternal Organization/Colleague (including but not limited to Scouting), Current/Former Scout, Professional/Trade/Business Organization/Colleague, or Nominator.

5. SENDING YOUR NOMINATION

Nominations are due to the Chicago Center for Scouting by Monday, December 11, 2023 at 4:30pm, or by email submission to Jason Pigg at jason.pigg@scouting.org using the form below. To be fair to all nominees, no late nominations will be accepted.

For any questions regarding nominations, please contact Spencer Long, Silver Beaver Chairman at spencer.long@gmail.com. Do not send nominations to Dr. Long, they will not be considered and returned.

Mail your Silver Beaver Nomination packet to:

**Chicago Center for Scouting
Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee
106 N. Aberdeen St., Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60607**

6. Please make sure to make a complete copy of the Silver Beaver Nomination packet and all of the supporting documents that you are submitting for your records. If the candidate that you are nominating is not selected, we will not be returning your original packet to you.

NOTES

- Nominations are reviewed by an all-volunteer Award Selection Committee.
- Awards will be presented at the **Annual Council Recognition Dinner, February 25, 2024**.
- The number of Silver Beaver Awards presented by the Pathway to Adventure Council is limited by National Council policy.
- When the selection process is complete, the individual who submitted the nomination will be notified if the nominee was selected.
- Please work to ensure that the nominee is kept unaware of his or her nomination. If the nominee is not selected, the complete packet will not be returned to the nominator.
- It is not uncommon for a nominee to be nominated several times without being selected. Nominators are encouraged to update the packet and re-submit it each year if their candidate is not selected.

The Silver Beaver Award

Nomination Form



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. **This nomination form must be sent to the local council.**

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination. Name:		Spouse's name:	
Home address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Country:	Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:	
Company:		Professional title:	
Scouting position:	Unit type and No.:	District name:	
The nominee is registered in Scouting as		and holds a membership certificate	
expiring		. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number:)	
If the award is granted, we plan to present it on Sunday, February 25, 2024			
(This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.)			

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his/her personal, family, and professional activities.

Confirmation by person submitting nomination: _____
(Printed name)

Scouting position _____
(Signature)

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____ Email _____

* Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature
* Scout executive signature

*** ONLY NECESSARY IF NOMINEE IS SELECTED**

RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Please list registered adult positions in the Boy Scouts of America with dates listed chronologically. Indicate unit number, chartered organization, and district where appropriate.

What significant council-level service to youth has been made by this nominee?

(Attach additional page if needed)

TRAINING COURSES

Please indicate which training courses the nominee participated in and/or staffed with year completed.

Training Courses	Participant	Staff/Faculty
Florida Sea Base Conference		
Kodiak or Kodiak X Staff		
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Staff		
National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) Staff		
National Camping School		
National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC)		
Philmont Leadership Challenge		
Philmont Training Center Conference		
Powder Horn		
Sea Badge		
Wood Badge		
Other BSA Training Courses	Staff/Faculty	

SCOUTING RECOGNITION

Scouting Honors					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year
Eagle Scout		National Eagle Scout Association		Distinguished Eagle Scout	
Scouter's Key		Scouter's Training Award		Arrow of Light	
Order of the Arrow member		Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor		Arrowhead Honor	
Youth Religious Emblem		Adult Religious Award		Silver Award	
Unit Leader Award of Merit		NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award		District Award of Merit	
Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award		Distinguished Commissioner Service Award		James E. West Society Fellowship Award	
Other Scouting Awards including Cub, Explorer, Learning for Life, STEM, Varsity and Venturing					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year

NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING

Please list organization, position held, recognition received, and year(s) involved or awarded.

Organization	Position/Recognition	Year(s)

Additional noteworthy comments on service of character to youth outside of Scouting:

ADDITIONAL NOTEWORTHY COMMENTS OF THE NOMINEE’S STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY

Information covering the nominee’s standing in the community, citing activities in which he/she is **most active** in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, and other non-Scouting areas.

Organization	Positions Held	Years Served	Accomplishments

Comments

(Attach letters of recommendation if appropriate.)

INSTRUCTIONS

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 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters.
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.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1. Article X, Section 6, Clause 3
2. Silver Beaver Award
3. The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:
 - a) Each local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
 - b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
 - c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
 - d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
 - e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public location.
 - f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
 - g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
 - h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.