District Award of Merit
Nomination Form



What is the District Award of Merit (DAM)?

The District Award of Merit is the highest recognition a Scouting District can bestow upon an individual. The award is presented to registered volunteer Scouters for noteworthy service to youth. The requirements for the award are:

- *Candidates for the award must be registered volunteer Scout leader*
- *They must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both*
- *A suggested minimum of five years of accumulated service to youth will be considered*
- *Service to youth and community involvement outside of Scouting are desirable*
- *The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the District and/or Council will be considered*

Nominations for this award come from volunteer Scouters. Please take a moment and consider nominating a worthy individual for this award.

DAM Award Requirements (as defined by national):

1. The nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in scouting, outside of scouting, or both.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of the Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district or council must be considered.
5. A Souter can receive the award only once and not posthumously.

To the District Award of Merit Committee:

I have read the requirements, and I take pleasure in presenting for your consideration the nomination of the Scouter named below for the District Award of Merit.

Nominee _____
(Give full name, correctly spelled, and title if any)

Address _____ City_____ State: _ _ Zip Code _____

Current Scouting Position _____District _____

Describe nominee's actions for being nominated for this award (or note that the actions are attached to back of form):

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District Chair Approval Signature & Date	*Council Scout Executive Approval & Date:*
_____ __/__/____	_____ __/__/____

Scouting Awards or Recognition and dates received

- ☐ Eagle Scout _____ __/__/____
- ☐ Basic Training _____ __/__/____
- ☐ Wood Badge _____ __/__/____
- ☐ Silver Beaver Award _____ __/__/____
- ☐ Order of the Arrow __/__/____
- ☐ Adult Religious Award (s)__ __/__/____
- ☐ Training _____ __/__/____
- ☐ _____ __/__/____
- ☐ _____ __/__/____
- ☐ _____ __/__/____
- ☐ Mic-O-Say _____ __/__/____
- ☐ Other _____ __/__/____

Nomination prepared by:

Name:_____ Date of Nomination: __/__ /____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____
Email Address: _____
Position In Scouting (if any): _____

Please submit nominations to the District DAM Committee in care of Trailblazer District Chairman

Optional sections

This additional information may be used as "tie breakers" by the DAM review committee in selecting recipients. Fill in any/all appropriate sections as applies to nominee.

Scouting service IN UNITS (list current position on top line):

Position	Unit	Chartering Institution (if known)	Month/Year	Month/Year

Scouting service IN COUNCIL(S) (list current position on top line):

Position	District / Council	Month/Year	Month/Year

Church affiliation and Service

Leadership Position/Role	Church/Religious Organization	Service Years	Recognitions or Awards

Civic, Community, or Fraternal service (other than Scouting America)

Leadership Position/Role	Civic/Community Organizations	Service Years	Recognitions or Awards

Professional, trade, business-related service

Leadership Position/Role	Company or Organization	Service Years	Recognitions or Awards

Other outstanding or unusual service

Leadership Position/Role	Other Organization Name	Service Years	Recognitions or Awards

Additional Information

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- **Creating DAM Nominations**
  1. Written nominations using DAM Nomination form (Word or PDF) only. *No verbal or text nominations shall be considered.*
  2. Nominations will be accepted from any Scouter registered with our district, Scouting America, or adult non-Scouter.
  3. Letters of Recommendations (attached), from other Scouters can be submitted to enhance the credibility of the nominee. Only the first three Letters of Recommendations will be reviewed. (These are viewed as additional persons agreeing with the nomination.)
  4. Nominations should stress what the nominee has done for youth. Nominee**'s** work within units, church, school, community, profession, or other Scouting awards may be included as secondary support information.
  5. Nominees should **not** be informed they are being nominated
  6. Please save a copy of your nomination to use in future years should your nominee not be chosen. Nominations must be submitted annually and are not carried over by the committee

- **DAM Selection Committee** stays anonymous
  1. They are a Registered Scouter
  2. Committee consists of 5-9 previous DAM awardees selected by district committee chair. (If District Committee chair vacant, selection by District Commissioner, District Executive, or the Previous DAM Selection Committee Chair in that order.)
  3. Committee members that submit nominations or Letter of Recommendation may serve on the committee but cannot vote for their nominee. District chair to appoint replacements if committee drops below 5 people.
  4. Districts are limited to one District Award of Merit for every 25 units (Packs + Troops + Crews + Posts) registered in our district at year-end. Example: if district has a total of 30 units at year end, the district may award up to 2 DAM winners.

- **Publicity Committee** (who to contact with questions.)
  1. 1-3 members responsible to "get the word out" about nomination time
  2. Committee should create flyers, speak at Roundtable, add articles to newsletters etc. so everyone knows to submit their recommended nominations
  3. Committee member names and contact formation published for anyone with questions or concerns

- **Presentation Ceremony**
  1. The recipient and spouse should attend the recognition dinner or annual meeting
  2. The district or council officer should explain the award and its significance
  3. Awardees should be escorted to a place of honor such as stage or head table
  4. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting
  5. The award certificate (33719); plaque (17565), with attached engraved name; the DAM overhand ("square") knot (#05013); and the lapel pin (#17551) should be presented at that time with appropriate congratulations
  6. A group picture may be taken for publication in neighborhood or community newsletter or newspaper (with publication approval of each picture participant before publication).