



TAC SCOUTER AWARDS



Scouting America

Transatlantic Council

Greetings Scouters,

The following pages highlight some of the many awards that you can earn as an individual Scouter along with awards that can be earned through a nomination process.

There are several training awards available that you can work on in your pursuit of delivering a top-quality program to your unit. Why training? Common sense tells us that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. A trained leader is a motivated, informed, capable, credible leader who gets things done. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!

Earning a training award recognizes your commitment to the program. It also serves as an example to others. Look around and take note of other Scouters as you ponder how to recognize them for the service they are giving.

Scouters quite often wear many hats and can fill many roles even if they are only serving one position in the unit, district, or council. It's always nice to have others take note of what you are doing to keep the Scouting program fun and strong. So, take a few minutes and think about how you, the unit, the district or the council can recognize great efforts. The following pages contain awards that can be awarded to Scouters through a nomination process. You can help get the ball rolling by taking the time to complete a nomination on other Scouters that are making TAC adventures a reason to celebrate.

It is important that we place attention and intention on appreciating our Scouting leaders in a way that can be applauded. It may be challenging to take the time to complete a nomination however if you see worthwhile acts say thank you and consider advancing that for a recognition.

We hope this serves as a useful resource for awards and recognition.



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All units within the Transatlantic Council, 802, should consider their adult leaders for one or more of the Scouter Awards and Keys that follow. Adult recognition is to encourage training, tenure in a position, participation, and increase the overall performance of adult leaders. These awards can be earned by Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders as well as District Committee members and Commissioners.

We know that our Scouting volunteers do not do what they do for the pay or recognition, they invest their time in the future for the benefit of the youth. Most leaders are performing at the level to earn one of these awards, however, many may be too humble to ask for an award.

Den Leader Training Award



This award recognizes den leaders who have completed training, tenure, and performance requirements. It is available for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos den leaders and can be earned in each position, but tenure must be completed separately for each award. Recognition Medal and Knot: A certificate and a medal, along with a Yellow Knot on a Blue background is available to wear on the uniform. Requirements / Den Leader Training Award Progress Record:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/training-awards-and-recognition/>

Scouter's Training Award



Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scout Leaders

The Scouter's Training Award is a recognition for registered adult volunteers who meet training and performance requirements while serving for two years in a volunteer position. Recognition Knot: Green on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Cub Scouting) Requirements / Progress Record & Application:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-057_WB.pdf

Scouter's Training Award for Scouts BSA Leaders

The Scouter's Training Award is a recognition for registered adult volunteers who meet training and performance requirements while serving for two years in a volunteer position. Recognition Knot: Green on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Scouts BSA)

Requirements / Progress Record & Application:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-058_wb.pdf

Scouter's Training Award for Venturing Leaders

The Scouter's Training Award is a recognition for registered adult volunteers who meet training and performance requirements while serving for two years in a volunteer position. Recognition Knot: Green on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Venturing) Requirements / Progress Record & Application:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-060_wb.pdf

Sea Scouter Training Award

The Scouter's Training Award is a recognition for registered adult volunteers who meet training and performance requirements while serving for two years in a volunteer position. Recognition Knot: Green on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Sea Scouts) Requirements / Progress Record: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Sea_Scout_Adult_Training_Award.pdf

District Committee Scouter's Training Award

The Scouter's Training Award is a recognition for registered adult volunteers who meet training and performance requirements while serving for two years in a volunteer position. Recognition Knot: Green on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Committee) Requirements / Progress Record: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommscouterstrainingaward.pdf>

Scouter's Key



Cubmaster's Key

May be earned by any Cubmaster Recognition Knot: White on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Cub Scouts) Requirements / Progress Record: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053_WB.pdf

Scoutmaster's Key

May be earned by any Scoutmaster Recognition Knot: White on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for ScoutsBSA) Requirements / Progress Record: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-054_WB.pdf

Advisor's Key

May be earned by any Venturing Advisor Recognition Knot: White on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Venturing) Requirements / Progress Record: <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Advisors-Key-2023.pdf>

The Skipper's Key

The Skipper's Key is a recognition for primary unit leaders who meet who complete advanced tenure, training and performance requirements.

Recognition Knot: Embroidered square knot, Green and White on Tan, (with device for Sea Scouts)

Requirements / Progress Record:
<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Advisors-Key-2023.pdf>

Commissioner Key

May be earned by any Commissioner. The Commissioner Key encourages and recognizes continuing training, performance and tenure by commissioners.

Recognition Knot: White on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Commissioner).

Requirements / Progress Record:
<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NCST-Commissioner-Key.pdf>

District Committee Key

May be earned within a five-year period, completing at least three years of registered tenure as a member of a district committee,

as the chair of the district or chair of one of the district operating committees.

Recognition Knot: White on Green Knot on Tan Field with Tan Border (with device for Committee)

Requirements / Progress Record:
<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/District-Committee-Key-2023.pdf>



Unit Leader Award of Merit

Quality unit leadership is the key to a quality unit program—and it leads to better Scout retention. Statistics show that if young people stay engaged in the program for at least five years, Scouting America's influence likely will stay with them for the rest of their lives. A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and the Unit Leader Award of Merit was created to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen. This new recognition has revised requirements, and Cubmasters and Skippers are also eligible for this recognition.

Recognition Knot: Gold on Dark Blue with Gold

Border, with appropriate device

Requirements / Nomination Form

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_wb.pdf

Silver Beaver Award



The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of Scouting America. Recipients

of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

The Silver Beaver award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Cub Scouters, Varsity Scouters, Sea Scouters and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.

Recognition Knot: White on Blue on Tan Field with Tan Border

Requirements / Nomination Form

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_wb.pdf

District Award of Merit



Available to registered Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Presented to registered adult volunteers by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is, as a national award presented by councils; it is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

Recognition Knot: Silver overhand knot on Dark Blue, ends down,

Requirements / Nomination Form

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

TAC Patch Award



This award is unique to the Transatlantic Council and is for Scouters who have given notable service to a district over the last year (or previous years). Anyone may nominate Scouters for this award.

Instituted in the 1960s and in some cases, limited to 4 per year. This award is given for dedicated service and enduring support to the youth of the Transatlantic Council and its individual Districts. Although it is a TAC-specific award, it is a District recognition and the selection for this award is made by the District Awards Committee. Nominations for this award should be made by email directly to the respective District Awards Committee Chair annually prior to June 30th. This nomination should contain a full justification of how this individual has made a substantial and sustained difference to the Unit, Community or District.

Council Alumnus of the Year



The Council Alumnus of the Year Award is given for exceptional service to the alumni movement on a council-wide

basis. Each council may select one nominee for this award annually. The council must notify the national office of their selection allowing accurate record keeping and current website information. The national office will forward a Certificate to be signed locally for a formal presentation at a public event.

The Council Alumnus of the Year Award features an acorn, a reminder that Scouts and Scouters plant trees under which they may never sit. It is in that vein that the award was created as it recognizes those that promote and share the gift of Scouting through their careers, avocations, and their influence.

The Council Alumnus of the Year Award is different from other awards in Scouting as it does not simply recognize the individual for being a distinguished person or honor those giving time and energy to the BSA as a volunteer leader; Scouting already has awards that do that. It is more of a combination between the two.

A knot device, to be placed on the Alumni Award Knot if earned, lapel pin for civilian wear. The Alumni Award Knot is a separate award and is not automatically earned by earning the Council Alumnus of the Year award. Requirements / Nomination Form

<https://scoutingalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/CDAA-Nomination-Form-Updated-4.01.24.pdf>

BSA Alumni Award



A recognition program to encourage participation and work in council alumni relations programs, including NESA activities; areas of work include alumni identification/promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, and education.

Presented to Scouting alumni who promote continued engagement with Scouting America.

Registered adult Scouters may submit a completed application for approval by the local council alumni committee. Approved applications are forwarded to the National Alumni Relations Committee. Those approved will be sent a certificate that can be used to purchase a square knot and/or lapel pin from the Scout shop.

Requirements / Nomination Form

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/alumi-award/>

Venturing Leadership Award



To recognize Venturers and Venturing Advisors who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who

exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, councils, territories, and the Scouting America National Council may present individuals with the Venturing Leadership Award.

The council, territory, and national awards are selected by a task force of youth and adults from the respective tier and are processed by a committee that is formed by the respective level. Awards can be purchased through Scouting Supply and certificates can be made with the template below for presentation to the awardees.

The Venturing Leadership Award nomination form is available from <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Venturing-Leadership-Award-Nomination-Form.pdf>

and must be submitted to TAC no later than June 30th via john.erskine@scouting.org

William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award



The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award is presented to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. The award may be worn on the adult uniform. The award is a square knot placed over the three colors representing the three phases of our program—Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA,

Venturing, and Sea Scouting. A volunteer can earn the knot by organizing one traditional unit, and a program device can be earned for up to three additional units organized.

Recognition Knot: Gray Knot on Gold, Green, and Red Field

Requirements / Nomination Form (Volunteer Scorecard/Certificate of Completion)

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/WD-Boyce-New-Unit-Award.pdf>

James E. West Fellowship Award



James E. West served as the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years. This Fellowship award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to a council endowment fund. Organizations or individuals may contribute an award in honor of an Eagle Scout, a Silver Beaver recipient, council president, or district chairman, or in memory of a departed loved one, business associate, Scout or Scouter.

Recognition Knot: Green and Gold Knot on Tan Field with Red Border.

Requirements / Application

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/The-James-E-West-Fellowship-Award-2019.pdf>

Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award



Recognizes outstanding service by an adult individual or by an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds. Presented to adults and organizations by the national office.

Recognition: 8½" x 10" Walnut Plaque, Lapel Pin, Knot: White and Black Knot on Tan Field with Red Border, and Pendant suspended from a Red, White, and Black Ribbon

Requirements / Nomination Form

https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/512-427_WB.pdf

Community Organization Award



Denotes that a Scouter has been recognized for service to Scouting by one of the approved national organizations. Visit www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central for additional information on qualifications.

Recognition Knot: Gold Knot on Purple Field with Gold Border.

Requirements / Nomination Form

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/community-organization-award/>

International Scouter Award



To recognize adult volunteers who promote international Scouting on all levels, in turn, help broaden the perspectives of Scouting. Earned by adult volunteers.

Recognition Knot: Purple and White Knot with Purple Border on Tan Field.

Requirements / Application

<https://www.scouting.org/international/resources/22-721/>

International Spirit Award



For Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and older youth, and adult leaders, the International Spirit Award is worn as a temporary patch centered on the right uniform pocket. The award seeks to broaden knowledge of international Scouting and increase appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries.

Recognition: Round patch design as above

Requirements / Application

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/International-Spirit-Award-2pg-Adult-09122024.pdf>

Interpreter Strip



A Scout or Scouter wearing the interpreter strip must be able to carry on a conversation in a foreign language or

in sign language, write a letter in the foreign language (not required for signing), and translate orally and in writing from one language to another. Recognition: Red lettering on Tan Field with Tan Border in one of more than 14 approved languages and 2 signing languages

Requirements / Application

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-019_WB.pdf

Special Needs Scouting Service Award



This award was established to provide clear and visible recognition to adults, volunteers and professionals, who serve the community of members with disabilities/special needs of the Scouting movement. This award is earned by direct action on behalf of members with disabilities/special needs and by spreading the ideals of inclusiveness, diversity, and disability awareness in Scouting. The award is intended to create enhanced visibility of the resources available to serve these members and to ensure their success in Scouting.

Recognition Knot: Khaki and White loops on a Black Field with a Yellow and Red Border.

Special Needs Scouting Service Award device



<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-067.pdf>

Religious Emblem Square Knot



To encourage youth members to work on the religious emblem pertaining to the denomination of their choice. Youth members earn awards, and recognitions are available for adult members for some denominations. The various religious groups administer the programs.

Recognition Knot: Silver Knot on Purple Field for youth and adults who earned a religious emblem while a youth member; devices are available to denote the program for which the awards were earned. Purple Knot on Silver Field for adults only award. Adults may wear both knots if they have satisfied the criteria.

Requirements / Application

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf

Honor Medal with Crossed Palms



This lifesaving award may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self. Awarded to a member of Scouting America for saving life.

Recognition Medal and Knot: Red ribbon with Crossed Palms and Pendant; Red Knot on Tan Field.
Requirements / Recommendation Form
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>

Honor Medal



The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self. Awarded to a member of Scouting America for saving life.

Recognition Medal and Knot: Red ribbon with pendant; Red Knot on Tan Field.
Requirements /
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>

Heroism Award



The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in

saving or attempting to save life at more than minimal personal risk to self.

Recognition Medal and Knot: White and Red ribbon with pendant; Red Knot on White Field.

Requirements / Recommendation Form
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>

Medal of Merit



The Medal of Merit is awarded to Scouts and Scouters who have performed some act of meritorious service above and beyond that normally expected of a youth or adult member of Scouting America. This act may involve a lifesaving effort but is not confined to lifesaving. It may also be awarded for any meritorious action using some aspect of Scouting skills or learning
Recognition Medal and Knot: Gold and Blue Ribbon with pendant; Gold and Blue Knot on Tan Field.

Requirements / Recommendation Form
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>

COMMISSIONER AWARDS

Arrowhead Honor



The Arrowhead Honor recognizes a commissioner's proficiency in the contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective unit service. Once the Arrowhead is earned, a commissioner can continue to wear it on the uniform. When moving to another commissioner position, commissioners should review the Arrowhead requirements for that position and perform at that level.

Recognition: White Arrowhead
Requirements / Progress Record
<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/recognition/arrowhead-honor/>

Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award



The Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award recognizes the completion of a standardized training program including a thesis or project, the awarding of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science, and the achievement of performance objectives to improve unit service.

Recognition: White Knot on Red Field with Gold Border.
Requirements / Progress Record
<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/recognition/doctorate-award/>

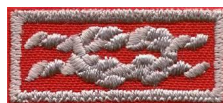
Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Unit Service



The Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service is awarded to a commissioner who provides exemplary unit service through the use of the current Scouting America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools.
Recognition: Gold Knot on Red Field with Gold Border.

Requirements / Progress Record
<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/recognition/commissioner-awd-of-excellence/>

Distinguished Commissioner Service Award



The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award is the highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, and a district and/or council.
Recognition: White Knot on Red Field with White Border.

Requirements / Nomination Form
<https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/recognition/distinguished-commissioner-service-awd/>

NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

NESA Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA)



The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) was established in 1969 by the National Eagle Scout Association to recognize Eagle Scouts who achieve extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or eminence within their profession and/or service to the nation and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community. The DESA is thus NESA's highest honor for Eagle Scouts.

Recognition Medal and Device: Red, White, and Blue Ribbon with Silver Eagle Pendant; Distinguished Eagle device worn on Eagle Scout Knot Requirements / Nomination Form <https://nesa.org/awards-and-recognition/distinguished-eagle-scout-award/>

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)



The award is presented solely to Eagle Scouts who demonstrate remarkable achievements well beyond their Scouting endeavors by excelling in their careers/vocations at local, regional, or national levels. NOESA recipients inspire others through their positive actions, demonstrating excellence in their chosen professions, hobbies, community service, and adherence to religious beliefs.

Recognition Medal and Device: Blue Ribbon with pendant; Outstanding Eagle device worn on Eagle Scout Knot Requirements / Nomination Form <https://nesa.org/awards-and-recognition/outstanding-eagle-scout-award/>

Scouting America Veteran's Award



To recognize Scouting America individual members for tenure in Scouting. Veteran recognitions are for nonuniform wear only. After five years of registered service in Scouting America, an adult may, upon application, receive the designation of "Veteran." There are additional veteran awards for every five years. Applications are submitted to the local council service center.

Requirements / Application Form <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/veteran-award/>

TAC Key to Adventure

The TAC Key to Adventure is presented by the council president on behalf of the TAC Executive Board to any volunteer or supportive person whose personal impact in TAC Scouting is significant. Nominations can be made by email or phone call to any of the TAC Key Three.

