



# Heritage in Action Award



In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Transatlantic Council is proud to introduce the America 250 Heritage in Action Award. Scouts living overseas experience American identity in a uniquely global context. The America 250 Heritage in Action Award reflects not just where the nation began, but how its ideals are lived around the world today.

Participants may earn the award by completing requirements in three categories:

**LEARN:** Understanding history and values

**PARTICIPATE:** Engaging in events and community

**ACT:** Serving and making a difference

## Award Requirements

- ★ Each Scout (or adult) completes a minimum number of requirements from each category, appropriate to their program level between Jan 1, 2026, and Dec 31, 2026.
- ★ Completion of activities must be approved by your Unit Leader.
- ★ Your registration with the Transatlantic Council must be up to date.
- ★ Award forms must be submitted by Jan 31, 2027, to receive the award.
- ★ You must complete the requirements associated with your current Scouting America registration.

**Submit a copy of your completed booklet to  
TAC-ServiceCenter-802@scouting.org, using  
subject line: Heritage in Action Award.**





# Scouters / Adults



Scouters and adults may complete the America 250 Heritage in Action Award individually, but are especially encouraged to support and participate alongside youth members and fellow leaders within their unit, district, or community. By mentoring Scouts, facilitating meaningful discussions, and helping lead activities and service projects, adults play an important role in bringing the values of citizenship, service, and American heritage to life in a global Scouting environment.

## Learn (Complete 2)

|  |                                                                                                                     | LEADER INITIAL<br>& DATE |
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|  | Study or help a Scout explore the historical significance of the Declaration of Independence and its global impact. |                          |
|  | Explore how Scouting values align with the founding principles of the United States.                                |                          |
|  | Learn about transatlantic connections during the American Revolution.                                               |                          |
|  | Reflect on how Scouting abroad strengthens understanding of American civic ideals.                                  |                          |





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## Participate (Complete 4)



LEADER INITIAL  
& DATE

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| Support or lead an America 250 event within your unit or district.                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| Take part in an America 250-themed campout, hike, or other outdoor activity.                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| Assist with the planning and cooking of an American meal for your unit.                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Teach an American-origin game, sport, or skill.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| Complete one of TAC's historic trails.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Attend a lecture, seminar, or training related to American history or civic leadership.                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Facilitate youth-led discussions on citizenship or service.                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Facilitate a merit badge opportunity for one of the following merit badges: American Business, American Cultures , American Heritage, American Indian Culture, American Labor, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Scouting Heritage |  |
| Guide Scouts through completing the award                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| Encourage critical thinking rather than rote learning                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Support youth-led elements in program delivery.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |





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## Act (Complete 2)



LEADER INITIAL  
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|  | Mentor youth leaders in planning and executing America 250 activities.                      |  |
|  | Coordinate a unit or council-wide service initiative.                                       |  |
|  | Partner with a community organization to promote civic engagement or historical awareness.  |  |
|  | Welcome a new American family to your community and to a Scouting event.                    |  |
|  | Participate in a food drive (Scouting for Food).                                            |  |
|  | Community Partnership: Invite a school, church, or civic group to join in a Scouting event. |  |
|  | Organize or support a public or community-facing event tied to the 250th anniversary.       |  |

The Transatlantic Council America 250 Heritage in Action Award requirements were successfully fulfilled by:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Scouter / Adult Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit

Share your award journey by emailing your photos, videos and stories to [TACScouting@gmail.com](mailto:TACScouting@gmail.com).

