

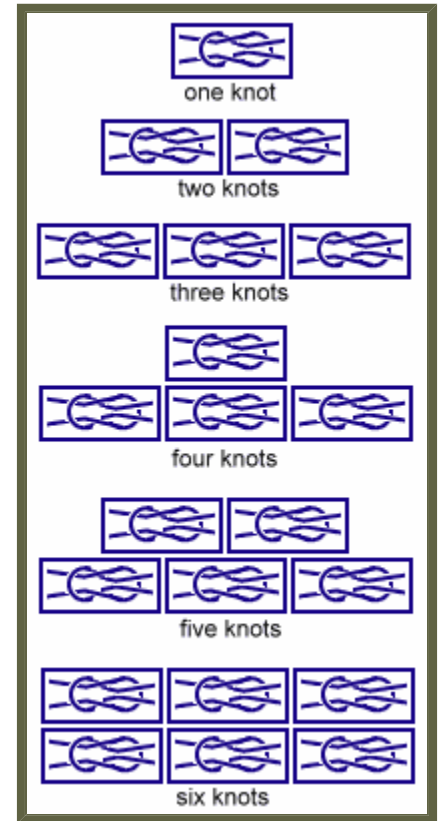
Square Knots - Meaning and Placement

The square knot device is displayed on the uniform to denote that the wearer has received the corresponding award. The award is usually in the form of a certificate and many awards also include a medallion or other memento.

A knot emblem does have left and right sides. The rope loop over the rope ends always is to the wearer's right. The diagram here shows how the knots would look to someone looking at the shirt. The knot images on the rest of this page all show the correct knot direction.

The square knots are to be worn centered directly above the left shirt pocket. The first knot should be placed with its bottom edge touching the top seam of the pocket flap. The next two knots are placed on both sides of the first knot in a straight row of three knots. Additional knots are placed directly above the first row with bottom edge touching top edge of the existing knots.

From the diagram, you can see that as additional knots are earned, single and double knots on a row need to be re sewn. For this reason, some people prefer to place knots right-justified with the pocket edge.



Most common Boy Scout awards that have square knot patches associated with them are listed here. For a list of discontinued and more rare awards, see [this page](#).

- **Personal Achievement:**







-  **Arrow of Light Award**
-  **Eagle Scout Award**
-  **Venturing Silver Award**
-  **Sea Scout Quartermaster Award**

- **Recognition:**

-  **James West Fellowship Award**
-  **Medal of Merit**

-  **Medal of Heroism**
-  **Medal of Honor**
-  **William T. Hornaday Award**
-  **Youth Religious Emblem Award**

• **Service:**

-  **Adult Religious Service Award**
-  **Community Organization Award**
-  **District/Division Award of Merit**
-  **George Meany Award**
-  **Distinguished Commissioner Service Award**
-  **Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award**
-  **Silver Antelope Award**
-  **Silver Beaver Award**
-  **Silver Buffalo Award**
-  **Whitney Young Jr. Service Award**
-  **William D. Boyce Award**
-  **Scouting ... Vale La Pena! Award**
-  **Asian American Award**

-  **International Scouter Award**
-  **Silver World Award**
-  **Venturing Leadership Award**

• **Training:**

-  **Cubmaster Award**
-  **Cub Scouter Award**
-  **Pack Trainer Award**
-  **Den Leader Award - Tigers**
-  **Den Leader Award - Wolves, Bears**
-  **Den Leader Award - Webelos**
-  **Scouter Award of Merit**
-  **Scouter's Key Award**
-  **Scout Leader's Training Award**
-  **Sea Badge**

• **Retired:**

-  **Explorer GOLD Award**

Arrow of Light Award



Description: Red on green knot on tan background with yellow border.

Award Requirements:

- A Webelos scout earns the Arrow of Light award by completing requirements from the Webelos handbook. The Arrow of Light award is the highest Cub Scout award available. The award patch is worn as a Webelos scout and as a Boy Scout - adults wear the square knot symbol.
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Eagle Scout Award

Description: Red/white/blue on red/white/blue knot on tan background with tan border.

Award Requirements:

- A Boy Scout earns the Eagle Scout award by completing requirements from the Scout handbook. The Eagle Scout award is the highest youth rank in scouting. The award patch is worn as a Boy Scout - adults wear the square knot symbol.
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Venturing Silver Award

Description: Silver knot on dark green and white background with silver border.

Award Requirements:

The award will take at least 12 months to earn and all work must be completed before the Venturer's 21st birthday.

- Earn one Venturing Bronze Award.
- Earn the Venturing Gold Award, which includes knowing and living the Venturing Oath, service, personal development, and 12 months' tenure.
- Be proficient in emergency preparedness, including earning Standard First Aid and CPR certification, and knowing and using BSA Safe Swim Defense.
- Demonstrate leadership, including successfully completing the Venturing Leadership Skills Course.
- Participate in the Ethics in Action program, including Ethical Controversies activities and an Ethics Forum.
- Show a crew review committee you have met the requirements for the Venturing Silver Award.

Download the **[Application Form](#)**.

Sea Scouts Quartermaster Award



Description: Dark blue knot on white background with white border.

Award Requirements:

- Ideals. Must lead a discussion on 'participating citizenship' and submit a paper on the 'World Brotherhood of Scouting.'
- Membership. Attend at least 75 percent of ship meetings and activities for 18 months. Present a talk on Sea Scouting and complete a service project.
- Special Skills. Complete the 11 special skills required for Quartermaster, which include:
 - a. Boats
 - b. Marlinspike Seamanship
 - c. Ground Tackle
 - d. Piloting
 - e. Signaling
 - f. Swimming
 - g. Cruising
 - h. Safety
 - i. First Aid
 - j. Rules of the Road
 - k. Weather
- Electives. Complete four of the following electives: sailing, engine, radio, boat maintenance, electricity, navigation, drill, piloting, rigging, yacht racing crew.

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Medal of Merit Award



Description: Gold on Blue knot on tan background with tan border.

Award Requirements:

- The Merit Medal honors Scouts, Venturers and Scouters that have performed some act of meritorious service above and beyond what is normally expected of a youth or adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. Key in the difference between this award and the Heroism awards is that the action need not involve saving life, but must employ some aspect of Scouting learning or skills in the execution.

Submit a recommendation with this [Nomination Form](#).

Medal of Heroism Award

Description: Red on red knot on white background with white border.

Award Requirements:

- The Heroism Award is presented to Scouts and Scouters that have saved a life at little or no personal risk. In the past, those persons would receive a Certificate of Heroism from the local Council. Today, those previous holders of Certificates of Heroism as well as present Scouts, Explorers or Scouters are honored with the present Medal.

Submit a recommendation with this **Nomination Form**.

Medal of Honor Award

Description: Red on green knot on tan background with yellow border.

Award Requirements:

- The Honor Medal is presented to Scouts and Scouters shown courage in attempting to save a life with personal risk. This award has been presented posthumously to Scouts who have died while attempting to save the life of another. In very exceptional cases the award is presented with crossed gold palms to Scouts and Scouters who have attempted to save a life at great personal risk demonstrating exceptional heroism.

Submit a recommendation with this **Nomination Form**.

William T. Hornaday Award



Description: Green/blue/white on green/blue/white knot on tan background with tan border.

Award Requirements:

- The William T. Hornaday Award recognizes Scouts and Scouters for their service to conservation and ecology efforts in their communities. There are six different Hornaday awards with an ever-increasing scale of challenge. The youth individual awards are based on earning certain merit badges and completing one or more significant conservation projects.
- The Silver Medal award is the highest possible attainment in conservation for a Boy Scout
- The Gold Medal is the highest possible attainment in conservation for a Scouter. The gold medal may be considered when a qualified Scouter is recommended by his or her council, by an established conservation organization, or by any recognized conservationist. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the education of youth on a national or international level, reflecting the natural resource conservation/environmental awareness mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Nominations must be approved by the BSA's national conservation committee.
- A Unit Certificate can be awarded to a den, patrol, or group of five or more Scouts for a unique, substantial, conservational project, but the square knot is reserved for those earning one of the medals.

Download application and nomination forms from [BSA Hornaday Forms page](#).

Youth Religious Emblem Award

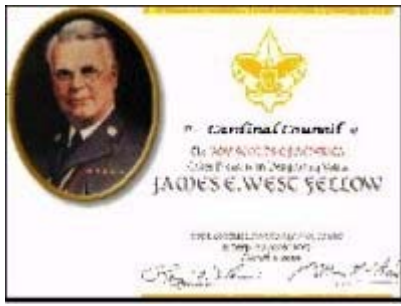


Description: silver on silver knot on purple background with purple border.

Award Requirements:

- Religious emblems are for all members of the BSA that wish to pursue them. The Youth Awards are earned through work with the individual religious unit and the requirements for each are set by the church and not by BSA. Once earned, the award is generally presented by the church or religious group but may also be recognized by the Scout unit at an event such as a Court of Honor or Troop meeting or Pack meeting. This award may be earned as a youth, or presented to an adult that is nominated. Once earned as a youth, the knot may be displayed on the uniform from that time forward. If a Scout earns the youth award and as an adult later is presented the adult award as well, both knots may be worn. For each faith, a specific set of requirements is published and is established by the religious faith and not by BSA. For a listing of resources for each of the religious faiths that participate in this program, see [the P.R.A.Y. web site](#)
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James E. West Fellowship Award



Description: Gold on green knot on tan background with red border.

Award Requirements:

- James E. West served as the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 or more to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to - and not replace or diminish - the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. The James E. West Fellowship Award is an 8-by-10-inch certificate, personalized with the donor's name, date of gift, and council name. In addition, there will be a distinctive lapel pin/charm and an embroidered square knot for uniform wear. While it is a national recognition, the James E. West Fellowship award is authorized and presented by the local council.
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Adult Religious Service Award



Description: purple on purple knot on silver background with silver border.

Award Requirements:

- An adult religious recognition award is presented by nomination only. The recognition is presented to worthy adults for their outstanding service to youth both through their religious institution and one of the national youth agencies. Recipients of these awards are unaware that they are being nominated. They are nominated to receive an award by submitting the required application, letters of recommendation, and resume. Please check eligibility requirements for specific awards. For a listing of resources for each of the religious faiths that participate in this program, see [the P.R.A.Y. web site](#)
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Community Organization Award



Description: gold on gold knot on purple background with gold border.

Award Requirements:

- Community Organization Award is a generic term used by the BSA to identify a category of awards used by secular, national, community organizations to recognize their members for voluntary service and achievement. The organization must also be a BSA national chartered organization. The recognition piece, the concept of the award, and the criteria for awarding and presenting it are developed and owned by the national community organization which is also a chartered

organization with the Boy Scouts of America.

To ensure compatibility with the objectives and mission of the Boy Scouts of America, the concept, requirements, and criteria for presenting the award must be approved by the BSA national Relationships Committee.

As of June, 2005, there are seven awards:

- **Marvin M. Lewis Award** of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE)
- **Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award**
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Scouter's Achievement Award**
- **American Legion Scouting Square Knot Award**
- **Department of Defense United States Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal**
- **Herbert G. Horton Alpha Phi Omega Youth Service Award**
- **George Meany Award** of the American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

For details, see [this BSA web page](#)

District Award of Merit



Description: silver overhand knot on deep blue background with silver border.

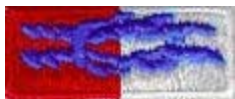
Award Requirements:

The District Award of Merit is awarded by a District to a registered Scouter for service to youth in the District. Normally, the award is presented for service to youth in excess of five years.

- Candidates must be nominated, not self-nominated.
- A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of 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 been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- 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.
- The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district, division, and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

Submit a nomination with this [Nomination Form](#).

George Meany Award



Description: blue on blue knot on red and white background with red and white border.

Award Requirements:

In recognition of their contributions to America's future, the AFL-CIO Executive Council established the George Meany Award. It recognizes union members-men and women-who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the BSA. The award is named for the AFL-CIO's first president, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years

- The central labor council invites all local unions to submit their candidates for the award. Any person, group, affiliated council, or local union may nominate a Scouter/member for the George Meany Award. The nominee must have the local union's recommendation as well as BSA council certification.
- The central labor council makes the final selection of its recipients from the candidates submitted. The selections and approvals are normally the responsibility of the Community Services Committee of the central labor council in conjunction with the Executive Board.
- The central labor council forwards the recipient's completed application to the Labor Relationships of the Boy Scouts.

Download a [Application Form](#).

Distinguished Commissioner Service Award



Description: silver on silver knot on red background with silver border.

Award Requirements:

The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award is intended to recognize commissioners who provide quality service. Each council decides how to certify eligibility and keep records. There is no national application form for this award.

- Be a currently active council, assistant council, district, assistant district, or unit commissioner
- Complete training as outlined by the local council, including earning the Commissioner's Key
- Serve as an active commissioner for five consecutive years and be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America
- Recharter at least 90 percent of the units in your area of service for a minimum of the past two consecutive years
- Assist units so that more than 60 percent of the units in your area of service achieve the National Quality Unit Award for a minimum of the past two consecutive years

Requirements for Roundtable/Huddle Commissioners:

- Complete training as outlined by the local council, including earning the Commissioner's Key
- Serve as an active commissioner for five consecutive years and be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America
- Conduct at least nine roundtables/huddles per year for the past two consecutive years

Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award



Description: white on white knot on red background with red border.

Award Requirements:

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. Since the time of the first awards given in 1940, approximately 500 Distinguished Service Awards have been presented.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead, bearing an arrow pointing upward and to the wearer's right, suspended from a white neck-ribbon upon which are embroidered red arrows. Presentation of the award is limit; nominations are open to both youth and adults.

Download a [Application Form](#).

As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly volunteer, the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the need to acknowledge the invaluable services that men and women render to youth. Of the hundreds of awards that the BSA presents each year to those on the local council, regional, and national levels, the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, and Silver World awards are the most prestigious. Although the criteria are different for each of these awards, there is one common thread: The recognitions are granted by one's own peers in Scouting for distinguished service to youth. Other BSA awards, by comparison, are granted only to those who have completed a prescribed course of study or have participated in special training sessions.

Silver Buffalo Award



Description: white on red knot on tan background with tan border.

Award Requirements:

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 can be directly connected with the BSA or independent of the movement.

Download a [Application Form](#).

Silver Antelope Award

Description: white on orange knot on tan background with tan border.

Award Requirements:

The Silver Antelope Award, created in 1942, is granted for outstanding service to youth within the territory of a BSA region. There are 4 separate BSA regions. The criteria is similar to the Silver Buffalo except that a recipient must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. Awards are bestowed on the basis of the number of registered volunteers in a region.

Download a [Application Form](#).

Silver Beaver Award

Description: white on blue knot on tan background with tan border.

Award Requirements:

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council. More than 50,000 recognitions have been conferred to date. As with the Silver Antelope, a recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA. Silver Beaver Awards are presented on the basis of the number of units in a

council.

Download a [Application Form](#).

Whitney Young Jr. Service Award



Description: white on black knot on tan background with red border.

Award Requirements:

This award recognizes outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds - this is in fulfillment of Dr. Young's dream of justice and equality for all.

The award is presented to people at all levels of the BSA. Recipients are approved nationally through nomination by local councils.

Download a [Application Form](#).

William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award



Description: silver knot on gold/green/red background with tan border.

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 the BSA program - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. 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.

The award recognizes volunteers for organizing traditional units after March 1, 2005.

The award is administered by the Relationships Division and will be presented by the local council.

Award Requirements:

- With the approval of the district committee chair, the volunteer serves as the organizer and completes the successful organization of one new traditional unit (Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity team or Venturing crew).
- The volunteer organizes the unit by following all procedures as published in the 'New Unit Organization Process' (No. 34196), particularly ensuring that new unit leadership is trained, a program for the new unit is organized and in operation, the new unit committee is functioning, a unit commissioner is assigned, all paperwork for the new unit is completed and processed, and the unit charter is presented to the chartered organization.
- The Boy Scouts of America realizes that quite often several individuals help to organize a new unit. However, for this award, only one volunteer can be recognized as the organizer for a new unit.

- To further recognize the volunteer's effort for organizing additional new units, a program device can be earned and worn on the new-unit organizer knot. The program device represents the type of unit organized (a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity team, or Venturing crew.) The knot and up to three program devices may be worn in recognition for organizing up to four new traditional units. Multiple program devices for organizing units in the same program may be earned and worn.
- The new-unit organization award recognizes volunteers for organizing traditional units after March 1, 2005.

Download a [Application Form and New Unit info.](#)

¡Scouting ... Vale La Pena! Award



Description: yellow on blue knot on red background with red border.

The purpose of the ¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic American/Latino youth.

Award Requirements:

- Recipients are approved nationally through nomination by a local council. (Councils should use ¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Service Award Nomination Form, No. 11-193. Copies may be obtained from the National Distribution Center, 2109 Westinghouse Boulevard, P.O. Box 7143, Charlotte, NC 28241-7143.)
- The award is presented to people at all levels of the organization (executive board, district Scouters, unit personnel) and to people of all races and income levels.
- The council's annual quota of awards shall not exceed the number of districts in the council. Emphasis is on being selective, with no intention that the full quota must be used every year. The quota is noncumulative.
- The council president designates a committee to administer the award for the council. This may be a special ¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Award committee or the council's advancement and recognition committee, Silver Beaver committee, or council Scoutreach committee. The committee should include at least one person who is familiar with serving Hispanic American/Latino families. The Scout executive or a designated staff member serves as adviser to the committee.
- The committee screens, prioritizes, and selects worthy nominees. Nominations may be submitted to the committee by committee members, professional staff, or any other registered Scouter.
- Nominations are then submitted by the local council to the Scoutreach Division at the national office. Please allow 60 days for review and consideration of approval by a national volunteer committee and delivery of the award. Approval should be received before the award is announced or presented.
- Select a highly visible event with an appropriate ceremony to present the award. Council and district appreciation dinners, annual business meetings, testimonial dinners, or a major function that the recipient is associated with provide excellent settings for the award presentation.
- The presentation might also involve other community agencies that are actively involved with serving the Hispanic American/Latino community (such as LULAC, National Council of La Raza, or U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce).

Download a [Application and Info Form.](#)

Asian American Award



Description: white on black knot on blue background with blue border.

The purpose of the Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award is to recognize outstanding services by an adult individual or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Asian American youth.

Award Requirements:

- Recipients are approved nationally through nomination by a local council. (Councils should use Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award Nomination Form, No. 11-194. Copies may be obtained from the National Distribution Center,

2109 Westinghouse Boulevard, P.O. Box 7143, Charlotte, NC 28241-7143.)

- The award is presented to people at all levels of the organization (executive board, district Scouters, unit personnel) and to people of all races and income levels.
- The council's annual quota of awards shall not exceed the number of districts in the council. Emphasis is on being selective, with no intention that the full quota must be used every year. The quota is noncumulative.
- The council president designates a committee to administer the award for the council. This may be a special Asian American Spirit of Scouting Award committee or the council's advancement and recognition committee, Silver Beaver committee, or council Scoutreach committee. The committee should include at least one person who is familiar with the Asian American community. The Scout executive or a designated staff member serves as adviser to the committee.
- The committee screens, prioritizes, and selects worthy nominees. Nominations may be submitted to the committee by committee members, professional staff, or any other registered Scouter.
- Nominations are then submitted by the local council to the Scoutreach Division at the national office. Please allow 60 days for review and consideration of approval by a national volunteer committee and delivery of the award. Approval should be received before the award is announced or presented.
- Select a highly visible event with an appropriate ceremony to present the award. Council and district appreciation dinners, annual business meetings, testimonial dinners, or a major function that the recipient is associated with provide excellent settings for the award presentation.
- The presentation might also involve other community agencies that are actively involved with serving the Asian American community (such as the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce).

Download a **Application and Info Form**.

International Scouter Award



Description: white on purple knot on tan background with purple border.

The International Scouter's Award encourages Scouters to broaden their involvement in Scouting through participation in world Scouting activities and recognizes Scouters for their contributions to world Scouting.

Award Requirements:

Applicants must be currently registered adult Scouters of the Boy Scouts of America.

All applicants must receive the approval of their local council's international committee chairperson or international representative and their council Scout executive.

Complete any six of the following, from at least three of the following categories:

- I. **Giving leadership to international Scouting:**
 - a. Serve as council international representative, council international committee member, or BSA International Committee member for a minimum of three consecutive years.
 - b. Serve as a registered adult leader with a Direct Service Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venturing crew.
 - c. Serve at least one year in any international Scouting position approved by the BSA International Division.
- II. **Giving leadership to international events held in the United States:**
 - a. Host Scouts/Scouters (minimum of three visitors per group) from another country as part of an official national, council, district, or unit activity.
 - b. Serve on the international staff at a national Scout jamboree.
 - c. Assist in the organization of your council's participation in the International Camp Staff program. Be responsible for bringing a foreign Scout on staff to the council's summer camp program for two summer camp seasons.
- III. **Giving leadership to international events held in other countries:**
 - a. Serve as an adult leader in a BSA contingent to a world Scout jamboree or Pan-American Scout jamboree.
 - b. Serve as an adult leader for a group of BSA Scouts participating in an event held by a foreign Scout association recognized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The activity may be an exchange program, camp experience, tour activity, or home hospitality function.

- c. Serve on the international service staff of a world Scout jamboree.
- IV. **Educating self and others:**
 - a. Attend an international Scout conference at the Philmont Training Center. Share what you have learned with others in your council.
 - b. Promote international Scouting at a district, council, regional, or national event.
 - c. Participate in organizing or providing leadership for a BSA Scout activity in another country that involves interaction with Scouts from that country, such as an exchange program, camping experience, or tour activity.
- V. **Giving support to international Scouting:**
 - a. Organize a collection for the World Friendship Fund at two district and/or council events.
 - b. Become or recruit a member of the Order of the Condor for the Interamerican Scout Foundation.
 - c. Become or recruit a Baden-Powell Fellow for the World Scout Foundation.

Download a **Application Form**.

Silver World Award



Description: Blue globe with three stars on red and white striped background with dark green border. Worn with two stars to wearer's right. Colors correspond to red and white striped ribbon on medal.

The award is a distinguished service award similar to the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope, and Silver Beaver.

Award Requirements:

The Boy Scouts of America may award the Silver World Award for distinguished service to youth on an international basis upon the following basis and procedure:

- a. The award may be presented to citizens of any country whose Scout association is a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, in recognition of his or her service of exceptional character to the youth of his or her own country, or on an international basis.
- b. The recipient does not have to be a member of a Scout association. United States citizens may receive the Silver World Award for international service to youth, provided they are not registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.
- c. Approved awards may be presented by an authorized member of the Boy Scouts of America either by a personal visit with the recipient or at an official meeting of a National Scout Association, including the BSA.
- d. Nominations will be reviewed by and selections made by a subcommittee of the National Court of Honor.
- e. Nominations are made in writing by letter, containing all the pertinent facts about an individual in support of the nomination.
- f. As evidence of the award, there will be presented a suitable certificate duly authorized by the Boy Scouts of America.

The award design will be a circular blue enamel silver medallion upon which will be superimposed meridian lines and stars signifying the global scope of the award. An applied silver universal badge of the Boy Scouts of America will be centered upon the front of the medallion.

The award will be suspended upon a red and white ribbon and will be worn about the neck of the recipient, when such practice does not conflict with approved uniforming policy.

Nominations should be submitted to the International Division for consideration of a special selection committee.

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Venturing Leadership Award



Description: Silver knot on green/red/blue background with silver border.

Award Requirements:

The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, regions, or National Council to venturers and adults having made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing code.

- Venturing Leadership Award candidates must be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year.
- Candidates must hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, region or national level (as appropriate for the level of award presented).
- Candidates must show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.

There are three levels of award:

- Council: Medallion suspended from blue and white ribbon and worn around the neck. (For unit-, district-, and council-level recognition.)
- Area/Region: Medallion suspended from green and white ribbon and worn around the neck.
- National: Medallion suspended from red and white ribbon and worn around the neck.

Cubmaster Award



Description: Light blue over light blue knot on gold field with gold border.

Award Requirements:

Tenure: Serve as a registered Cubmaster for two years or as a registered assistant Cubmaster for one year and a Cubmaster for one year.

Training:

- Complete 'The New Cubmaster' Fast Start Training.
- Complete basic training for Cubmasters.
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- During each year of tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout Leader pow wow or University of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

Performance:

- As a Cubmaster or assistant Cubmaster in a pack, earn the national Quality Unit Award at least twice.
- Earn the National Summertime Pack Award at least once.
- Plan and conduct pack meetings during each year registered as Cubmaster.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Cubmaster Award with this [progress record document](#).

Cub Scouter Award



Description: Gold over light blue knot on blue field with blue border.

Award Requirements:

Tenure: Complete two years as a registered adult leader in a Cub Scout pack.

Training:

- Complete Fast Start Training for your position.
- Complete basic training for any Cub Scouting position.
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- During each year of tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout Leader pow wow or University of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

Performance:

Do five of the following:

- Assist in planning a pack program that results in advancement in rank by a minimum of 50 percent of pack members each year.
- Serve as an adult leader related to a pack that earns the national Quality Unit Award.
- Serve as leader of a blue and gold banquet, pinewood derby, space derby, raingutter regatta, field day, picnic, or other Cub Scout activity.
- Give leadership to a promotional effort that results in at least 60 percent of pack members subscribing to Boys' Life magazine.
- Develop or update a Tiger Cub or Cub Scout den activity book listing places to go, things to do, costs, distances, etc., locally for the five Tiger Cub areas or at least 12 Cub Scout themes.
- Give leadership to planning and conducting a pack service project.
- Organize participation of a pack in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program.
- Help with two annual unit Friends of Scouting campaigns.
- Serve as a leader for members of your pack attending a Cub Scout day camp or resident camp.
- Serve one year as pack trainer, during which time 75 percent of registered pack and den leaders complete basic training for their positions.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Cub Scouter Award with this [progress record document](#).

Pack Trainer Award



Description: Blue and Gold knot on gold field with blue border.

Award Requirements:

Tenure: Complete two years as a registered pack trainer.

Training:

- Complete Fast Start Training for the pack committee.
- Complete Basic Leader Training for any Cub Scouting position.
- Complete New Leader Essentials and be familiar with and able to explain the key elements of Leader Specific Training for all volunteer positions in the pack.

- Complete Youth Protection Training.
- Participate in a trainer development conference.

Performance:

- Participate in a Cub Scout leader pow wow or university of Scouting (if your council conducts them) during each year of tenure for this award.
 - Have Cub Scout roundtable staff certify your attendance for at least 30 percent of the roundtables during each year of tenure for this award.
 - Attain 100 percent trained leadership within the pack for the committee chairman, Cubmaster, and all den leaders.
 - Have a working plan in place for delivering Fast Start training to new leaders within 48 hours of their joining your pack.
 - Have a working plan in place for helping leaders who have not taken basic training to attend New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific training.
 - Keep and update training records of all leaders in your pack.
 - During the pack annual program planning meeting, be available to answer questions about training courses.
 - Review ongoing pack leadership training status and provide leaders with updates on any available supplemental training.
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Tiger Cub Den Leader Award

Description: Black over orange knot on gold field with orange border.

Award Requirements:

Tenure: Complete one year as a registered Tiger Cub den leader

Training:

- Complete 'The New Tiger Cub Den Leader' Fast Start Training.
- Complete basic training for Tiger Cub den leaders.
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- During your tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout leader pow wow or University of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

Performance:

Do all of the following:

- Conduct a Tiger Cub roundup for your pack with at least five new Tiger Cub boy/adult teams recruited.
- Contact the host team each month and provide support as needed for one year.
- Coordinate Tiger Cub den participation in three Cub Scout pack activities each year.
- Graduate at least 60 percent of your Tiger Cubs into a Cub Scout den.
- Report on the progress of Tiger Cub dens at 75 percent of pack leader meetings.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Tiger Den Leader Award with this [progress record document](#).

Den Leader Award

Description: gold on gold knot on blue field with blue border.

Award Requirements:**Tenure:** Complete one year as a registered Cub Scout den leader.**Training:**

- Complete 'The New Den Leader' Fast Start Training.
- Complete basic training for Cub Scout den leaders.
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- During your tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout leader pow wow or University of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

Performance:

Do five of the following:

- During at least one program year, have a minimum of 50 percent of the Cub Scouts in your den earn the rank for their grade or age (Wolf or Bear).
- At least once, reregister a minimum of 75 percent of the eligible members of your den as a part of pack rechartering.
- Graduate a minimum of 60 percent of the eligible members of your den into Webelos Scouting.
- Have an assistant den leader who meets regularly with your den.
- Have a den chief who meets regularly with your den.
- Take leadership in planning and conducting a den service project.
- Conduct at least three den meetings per month, nine months per year, or follow an optional plan approved by the pack.
- Participate with your den in a Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout resident camp experience.
- Explore three Character Connection activities with your den members in one year.
- Hold regular den meeting and den activity planning sessions with your assistant den leader.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Den Leader Award with this [progress record document](#).**WEBELOS Den Leader Award****Description:** orange on orange knot on gold field with gold border.**Award Requirements:****Tenure:** Complete one year as a registered Webelos den leader.**Training:**

- Complete 'The New Webelos Den Leader' Fast Start Training.
- Complete basic training for Webelos den leaders.
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- Complete outdoor training for Webelos den leaders.
- During your tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout leader pow wow or University of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

Performance:

Do seven of the following:

- During at least one program year, have a minimum of 50 percent of the Webelos Scouts in your den advance in rank (Webelos badge or Arrow of Light Award).
- At least once, reregister a minimum of 75 percent of the eligible members of your den as part of pack rechartering.
- Graduate a minimum of 60 percent of the eligible members of your Webelos den into Boy Scouting.
- Have an assistant Webelos den leader who meets regularly with your Webelos den.
- Have a Webelos den chief who meets regularly with your den.
- Take leadership in planning and conducting two Webelos overnight campouts or other outdoor den activities.

- Assist in planning and conducting a Webelos den/Boy Scout troop joint activity.
- Take leadership in planning and conducting a Webelos den service project.
- Conduct at least three Webelos den meetings per month, nine months per year, or follow an optional meeting plan approved by the pack.
- Participate with your den in a Webelos day camp or resident camp experience.
- Explore three Character Connection activities with your den members in one year.
- Hold regular den meeting and den activity planning sessions with your assistant den leader.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Webelos Den Leader Award with this [progress record document](#).

Scouter Award of Merit



Description: white on white knot on tan field with tan border.

Scoutmaster Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Serve as Scoutmaster for at least 18 months

Training:

- Complete Boy Scout Leader Fast Start
- Complete Scoutmastership Fundamentals

Performance:

- Be a currently registered Scoutmaster
- Achieve the Quality Unit Award at least once during period of service
- Have a record of proper use of the Boy Scout advancement program, resulting in a majority of troop Boy Scouts attaining the First Class rank
- Have a record of:
 - Development of boy leadership through the patrol method
 - Positive relations with the troop's chartered organization
 - An extensive outdoor program including strong summer camp attendance
 - A positive image of Scouting in the community
 - A troop operation that attracts and retains Boy Scouts

Use this [Scoutmaster Award of Merit nomination form](#).

Venturing Advisor Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Be a currently registered Venturing Advisor who has served in that position for at least 18 months

Training:

- Complete Venturing Fast Start and Venturing Leader Specific Training
- Achieve the Quality Unit Award at least once while serving as crew Advisor
- Demonstrate the use of the Venturing Silver Award program
- Develop youth leadership by effective use of crew officers
- Use the crew officer orientation and program planning process
- Have a proven positive relationship with the chartered organization and associated Boy Scout troop and Cub Scout pack, if any
- Project a positive image of Venturing in the community
- Attract and hold Venturers with crew program and operation
- Lead crew in completion of the Venturing Leadership Skills Course

Use this **Advisor Award of Merit nomination form**.

Varsity Scout Coach Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Be a currently registered Varsity Scout Coach who has served in that position for at least 18 months

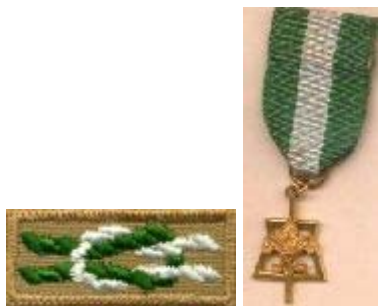
Training:

- Complete Varsity Scout Leader Fast Start
- Complete Varsity Scout Leader Fundamentals

Performance:

- Achieve the Quality Unit Award at least once during period of service
- Have a record of proper use of the Boy Scout advancement program, resulting in a majority of Varsity Scouts in the team attaining the First Class rank
- Have a record of:
 - Development of youth leadership through the squad method
 - Positive relations with the team's chartered organization
 - An extensive outdoor program including strong high adventure participation
 - A positive image of Scouting in the community
 - A team operation that attracts and retains Varsity Scouts

Scouter Key Award



Description: white on green knot on tan field with tan border.

Scoutmaster's Key Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Complete at least 3 years of registered tenure as a Scoutmaster within a 5-year period. (can include the tenure used to earn the Scouter's Award)

Training:

- Complete Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training.
- Complete New Leader Essentials
- Complete Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training.
- Complete Youth Protection Training.
- Complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- Earn Boy Scout Leader's Training Award.
- Conduct troop youth leader training (three times).
- Participate in one supplemental training course either at a local council or national level.
- Participate as an adult in youth leader training by either serving on the staff or attending the Scoutmaster orientation session of the national youth leader training conference.

Performance:

- Earn the Boy Scout Troop National Quality Unit Award two times during the three year period.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Scoutmaster Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

Venturing Advisor's Key Award Requirements:**Tenure:**

- Complete three years of registered tenure as a Venturing crew advisor within a five year period

Training:

- Complete Venturing Fast Start
- Complete New Leader Essentials
- Complete Venturing Leader Specific Training
- Conduct Crew officer's seminars in each of your three years as Advisor
- Conduct at least one Venturing Leadership Skills Course for your crew
- Earn the Venturing Leader Training Award

Performance:

- Earn the Venturing Crew National Quality Unit award two times
- Have a crew parents' night and an open house each year

Attendance:

- Attend at least 4 roundtables or teen leaders' council meetings each year

Keep track of your progress in earning the Advisor Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

Skipper's Key Award Requirements:**Tenure:**

- Complete three years of registered tenure as a Skipper within a five year period

Training:

- Complete New Leader Essentials and Venturing Position Specific Training
- Complete the Sea Scout Officers Specialized Training
- Complete a boating safety course offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, or similar organization

Performance:

- At least twice during the three-year period, serve as the Skipper of a ship earning the National Quality Unit award

Keep track of your progress in earning the Skipper's Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

Varsity Coach's Key Award Requirements:**Tenure:**

- Complete at least 3 years of tenure registered as a Varsity Coach within a 5-year period.

Training:

- Complete Varsity Scout Fast Start Training.
- Complete New Leader Essentials
- Complete Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training.
- Complete Introduction to Outdoor Skills.
- Conduct youth leader introduction to leadership training twice.
- Participate twice in a team leader seminar.
- Participate in one training course beyond Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training (local council or national level experience).

Roundtable Attendance:

- Attend at least six Varsity Scout Leader Roundtables during each year for three years

Performance:

- At least twice during the three-year period, serve as Coach of a Varsity Scout team that earns the National Quality Unit Award

Keep track of your progress in earning the Varsity Coach's Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

District Committee Key Award Requirements: Keep track of your progress in earning the District Committee Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

District Commissioner Key Award Requirements: Keep track of your progress in earning the District Commissioner Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

Roundtable Commissioner Key Award Requirements: Keep track of your progress in earning the Roundtable Commissioner Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

Unit Commissioner Key Award Requirements: Keep track of your progress in earning the Unit Commissioner Key Award with this [progress record document](#).

Scout Leader's Training Award

Description: green on green knot on tan field with tan border.

Boy Scout Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Complete a total of 2 years as a registered adult Boy Scout leader

Training:

- Complete Boy Scout Leader Fast Start training
- Complete New Leader Essentials
- Complete Scoutmaster Basic Leader Training
- Complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills>
- Complete Youth Protection Training

Performance: Do any **five** of the following:

- Participate in a support role for five overnight campouts.
- Help with two annual unit and/or district Friends of Scouting presentations.
- Participate actively in three troop parents' nights or courts of honor.
- Help organize or reorganize a Boy Scout troop.
- Help supervise or support a troop money-earning project.
- Participate in a supplemental training course at either the council or national level.
- Serve on the staff of a council or district training event.
- Serve as a merit badge counselor for at least five Scouts.
- Successfully complete Wood Badge training.
- Fulfill requirements of a troop committee function from the *Troop Committee Guidebook*.
- Assist actively with a Webelos den for 6 months.
- Participate in six Boy Scout leader roundtables.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Boy Scouter Award with this [progress record document](#).

Venturing Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Complete two years as a registered adult Venturing leader

Training:

- Complete Fast Start
- Complete Venturing Leader Specific Training

Performance: Do **seven** of the following:

- Participate in a support role for five crew weekend activities.
- Serve on the staff of a district, council, area, region, or national Venturing training event.
- Help with two Friends of Scouting enrollments.
- Assist with a Venturing Leadership Skills course.
- Serve as a Bronze, Gold, Silver, or Ranger consultant.
- Participate in six Venturing roundtables or Teen Leaders' Councils.
- Help organize or reorganize a Venturing crew.
- Participate in two crew parents' nights.
- Help support a crew money-earning project.
- Participate in a crew open house.
- Participate in a crew officers' seminar.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Advisor Training Award with this [progress record document](#).

Sea Scout Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Complete three years of registered tenure in any adult capacity in Sea Scouting

Training:

- Complete New Leader Essentials and Venturing Position Specific Training
- Complete the Sea Scout Officers Specialized Training
- Complete a boating safety course offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, or similar organization

Performance:

- Perform to the satisfaction of the Skipper your assigned leadership duties

Keep track of your progress in earning the Sea Scout Award with this [progress record document](#).

Varsity Award Requirements:

Tenure:

- Complete a total of 2 years as a registered adult Varsity Scout leader

Training:

- Complete Varsity Scout Leader Fast Start training
- Complete New Leader Essentials
- Complete Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training
- Complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Performance: Do **five** of the following:

- Participate in a team leader seminar.
- Help with two annual unit and/or district Friends of Scouting presentations.
- Serve as a Varsity Scout program instructor or training course staff member.
- Participate actively in three team parents' nights or courts of honor.
- Coordinate at least one team money-earning project.
- Serve for at least one year as team committee person assigned to one of the five program fields of emphasis.
- Participate in size Varsity Scout leader huddles.
- Serve as an approved merit badge counselor for at least five Varsity Scouts.
- Serve for at least one year as chairman of a Varsity Scout team committee.
- Help organize or reorganize a Varsity Scout team.

Keep track of your progress in earning the Varsity Scout Award with this [progress record document](#).

Sea Badge Course Participation



Description: Blue trident on white background with silver border. (White on blue is also available for blue uniform.)

The **Single Trident** is the only official knot and is presented to course attendees; double trident is for staff members; triple trident is for course directors.

Award Requirements:

Training:

- Complete Sea Badge training course.
 - Develop and complete a personal assignment (called a rudder) to employ techniques learned in Sea Badge training.
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