



2026 Silver Beaver Nomination Information

Nominations close Monday, November 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor Scouting Colorado can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter in recognition of distinguished service to youth. Nominees are judged not only on outstanding volunteer service with Scouting America, but on their overall service to youth and to the community outside of Scouting.

Nominations are reviewed by a selection committee of previously selected Silver Beaver honorees and community leaders familiar with the Scouting program. The committee recommends recipients to the Scout Executive for approval; recipients are then reported to the National Court of Honor. Recipients are notified by certified mail and honored at the Scouting Colorado Volunteer Recognition Banquet in spring 2027.

Please do not reveal to the nominee that they are being considered. Not every nomination can be selected in a given year, and the rule exists to avoid disappointment. Please pass this along to anyone writing a letter of recommendation. No public announcement may be made in advance of the banquet.

Eligibility

- Any registered adult volunteer Scouter, **21 years of age or older**, registered within Scouting Colorado's territory.
- The nominee must live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed.
- Distinguished service must be felt at the **council level**. Outstanding district-level service is recognized through the District Award of Merit.
- **Nominations cannot be considered posthumously.**
- **Current or former professional Scouters are not eligible** until five (5) years after leaving employment with Scouting America.
- Other council employees, part time or full time, are eligible **on the basis of their volunteer service only** — not employed service.

Nominating Procedures

- Candidates must be nominated by their peers. **Self-nomination disqualifies the candidate.**
- Use the enclosed Scouting America form **512-103 (2026 printing)**, which follows this page. Complete every section — the committee can only judge what is submitted.
- Address all three areas the form asks about: **council-level service to Scouting, service to youth outside of Scouting, and standing in the community**. A nomination silent on any one is incomplete.
- Pull positions, dates, and training from the official registration record, not from memory.
- Include a brief cover letter stating your relationship to the candidate and the case for the award.
- **A maximum of three (3) letters of recommendation** will be accepted, in addition to your cover letter. Vary them — different levels of Scouting, and at least one from outside Scouting. Three letters from the same unit carry the weight of one.
- Type all materials. **Do not include photographs.**
- Leave the two signature lines on the form blank. Those are signed by the committee chair and the Scout Executive, and only if the nominee is selected.

Submit by 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 2, 2026

Email, mail, or hand delivery. **Faxes will not be accepted.** Mark envelopes **Personal and Confidential**. Nominations received after 5:00 p.m. will not be considered for the 2026 Silver Beaver recognition.

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The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a **council-level** distinguished service award of Scouting America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. **This nomination form must be sent to the local council.**

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

Name _____ Spouse's name _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Country _____ Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Company name _____ Professional title _____

Scouting position _____ Unit type and No. _____ District name _____

The nominee is registered in Scouting as _____ and holds a membership certificate
expiring _____. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: _____)

If the award is granted, we plan to present it on _____

(This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.)

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

Confirmation by person submitting nomination: _____
(Printed name)

Scouting position _____
(Signature)

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____ Email _____

* Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature

* Scout executive signature

*** ONLY NECESSARY IF NOMINEE IS SELECTED**

RECORD OF SERVICE IN SCOUTING AMERICA

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

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	Dates From – To	Total Years
Council-level Leadership Roles					
District-level Leadership Roles					
Unit-level Leadership Roles					

Total number of years as a registered adult **council** volunteer: _____

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

(Attach additional page if needed)

TRAINING COURSES

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

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

SCOUTING RECOGNITION

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NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING

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

Organization	Position/Recognition	Year(s)

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

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

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

Organization	Positions Held	Years Served	Accomplishments

Comments

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(Attach letters of recommendation if appropriate.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section.
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and older who are registered with Scouting America as volunteer Scouters.
4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with Scouting America. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Section VII, Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) Each council may process its own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and must send a list of Silver Beaver recipients honored each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
- b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence of the award there will be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature silver beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) No public announcements may be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e) These awards may be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public function.
- f) Each duly chartered local council is entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units are entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the National Service Center.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.

In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.