

The Silver Beaver Nomination Process



The Silver Beaver Award is one of the more prestigious awards made by the Boy Scouts of America. 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 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. 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.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award the Baltimore Area Council can bestow on an Adult Scouter. This award is presented annually to approximately 12 Scouters in the Baltimore Area Council. Throughout the Capitol District there are many Scouters that have done a great deal for their Units, the District, Council as well as supporting activities in their Churches, Communities, Civic Organizations and Schools etc. Many contribute financially to scouting through donations to the James E. West Foundation and the Annual Friends to Scouting. These Scouters deserve to be recognized by their peers for their contribution to the Scouting Program, for their years of training and for holding positions of responsibility that afford the Scouts and their fellow Scouters a vibrant Program.

Competition is stiff; nominations from The Capitol District will be evaluated along with 4-10 submissions coming from each of the other 9 Districts in the Council. It is therefore important that our nominations include quality letters of recommendation which elaborate on the contributions and accomplishments the nominee has made throughout their life including Service to Country.

Please feel free to email me at chuckroyd@comcast.net if you have questions or would like to meet to review and discuss how to develop a nomination. You may want to review sample nominations that have been used in the past.

Requirements

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

- The award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils.
- The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth of registered Cub Scouters, Scouters, Varsity Scouters and Exploring leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- Each duly chartered council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory.
- Long established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults (over 21) who are registered as volunteer Scouters.
- Nominations will not be considered for former professional Scouters within 5 years of their leaving the profession.
- Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

This information received in this nomination will be treated in a confidential manner. Nominees **should not be informed** of the nomination. Nominations must be submitted on the BAC Silver Beaver application.

It is important that you state the reasons why you believe the nominee's service has been outstanding, either as a Unit, District and/or Council Scouter. Also, it is important to illustrate the individual's non-Scouting service to their community via civic, religious, business and other affiliations. Although length of

service rendered receives consideration, it is even more important that the service be of an outstanding nature; i.e., that the contribution made through leadership and service be far reaching in its effect on helping to provide boys with the best program of Scouting.

BAC Distinguished Awards Committee Requests

If you are nominating an individual for Silver Beaver the BAC Distinguished Awards Committee requires that a BAC Silver Beaver Nomination form (see link below) accompany the supporting documentation. Packages should be organized for submission into a 3 ring binder with this form on top.

Key Consideration for the Award encompasses several areas of service.

1. Has the nominee received the District Award of Merit or any other Scouting or Religious Awards.
2. What positions have they served in Scouting, Committee Chairman, COR, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Advisor, Asst. Cubmaster, Asst Scoutmaster or any other supporting position to a Unit, District or Council.
3. Other areas of consideration are service to the Community. Serving on a Community Association such as the Booster Club & PTA for schools, Volunteering at Hospitals, Fire Department Police Department or any other volunteer organization service.
4. Another area to consider is Church activities in a supporting role. Church Committees or Boards etc.
5. As many letters of recommendation from Peers, Clergy, fellow workers or Supervisors, fellow Scouters, Neighbors and friends should be provided.

Processing Procedure

1. Please deliver nomination packages with photo to me by September 30th, 2010. I will confirm that submissions are complete and will hand deliver all nominations after making copies for the District records. If you have any questions I can be reached at 410-268-0979 or by email chuckroyd@comcast.net.
2. This year's deadline for submissions to the Baltimore Area Council is October 1st, 2010.
3. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.

Award Materials

Pendant: Silver Beaver Award, blue and white ribbon and pendant, No. 00331

Silver charm: formal wear as illustrated, No. 00665

Civilian lapel pin: No. 00033

Civilian lapel pin with diamond: No. 00200

Knot: embroidered blue and white knot, blue to right, No. 05003, above left pocket.

Nomination Documents

You must use the BAC Silver Beaver award and application form which can be found at:

www.baltimorebsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=749&id=64999

Rules and Regulations

From Article X, Section 6, of the "Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America."

Clause 3. The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- A. This award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.
- B. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Cub Scouters and Explorer Leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- C. As evidenced of the award, there shall 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. It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall 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 shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public function.