



Nentico Lodge Ceremonialist Award

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



1. What is the ceremonialist award?

The ceremonialist award is a special honor that the Ceremonies Committee created to recognize the Arrowmen who give hours upon hours of cheerful service in order to provide a meaningful ceremonial experience and induction into the Order of the Arrow for their fellow Brothers. Serving as a ceremonialist requires a distinguished level of commitment and dedication which this award seeks to highlight.

2. Who can earn the ceremonialist award?

The ceremonialist award is reserved for youth Arrowmen who dedicate substantial time and effort to provide candidates with a meaningful induction experience. Because only youth are permitted to perform ceremonies, adults are not eligible to earn the award.

3. Who can sign off requirements for the ceremonialist award?

Requirements may be approved by a Lodge Officer, Chapter Chief, Chapter/Lodge Adviser, or the Nentico Ceremonies Chair. Where possible, requirements should be approved by an individual present in witness of the activity/event. Please note that final approval and verification of the award rests with the Lodge Ceremonies Chair and Adviser.

4. What defines "active participation" in the Nentico Lodge Ceremonies Committee or a Chapter Ceremonies Team for requirement 1?

Active participation is determined at the discretion of the Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief / Chair of Ceremonies, or Nentico Ceremonies Chair, as appropriate. Attendance at scheduled rehearsals, ceremonial functions, and an Arrowmen's overall contribution to the success of the ceremonies team will all be taken into consideration in determining active participation.

5. What defines "serving as a ceremonialist in a principal role" for requirements 2 and 3A?

Allowat Sakima, Meteu, Kichkinet, Nutiket, and Nimat are the only positions that qualify as principal ceremonial roles.

6. I performed extra ceremonies this year; can I roll them over for next year's award?

Participation may not be rolled over from prior years. The second and third year awards were created to further recognize those who have continually given service to their Chapter and the Lodge by serving as a ceremonialist over multiple years, not just extraordinary service in a single year.

7. Do ceremonies performed out of council, including on camp staff outside of BCMSR, count towards the ceremonialist award?

Ceremonies performed out of council, including on out of council summer camp staff, may not count towards the ceremonialist award.

8. How do I submit my completed form once I have completed all requirements?

Once all requirements have been approved, submit the completed form to the Nentico Ceremonies Chair directly by hard copy or via email at Ceremonies@Nentico.org for processing. Forms must be submitted by December 1st for presentation at the Lodge Banquet in January.

9. What is the time period for earning this award?

The ceremonialist award will be administered on a calendar year basis, meaning you will have from January to December of a given year to work on the award requirements. Please keep in mind, however, that completed requirement forms are due by December 1st to the Nentico Ceremonies Chair for processing and presentation at the Lodge Banquet.



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10. Can I earn this award more than one year?

Yes you can! The ceremonialist award is offered as a first, second, and third year award. The requirements remain consistent year to year, however the physical patch features a different color border. See below for each year's patch.



First Year Award
Black Border



Second Year Award
White Border



Third Year Award
Gold Border

11. When will I receive the ceremonialist award?

Ceremonialist awards will be presented at the annual Lodge Banquet in January.

12. Is the ceremonialist award retroactive?

Ceremonies performed throughout 2021 may count towards the award, but the award is not retroactive to before 2021.

13. How much does the ceremonialist award cost?

The cost of the award is your hard work and dedication - there is no monetary cost involved.

14. How many awards will be given?

There is no limit to the number of awards given out; we would love to see as many youth as possible engage with ceremonies!

15. Where can the ceremonialist award be worn?

The ceremonialist award patch can be worn under the right pocket flap on the Class A uniform. We encourage you to show off your special patch to encourage your fellow Arrowmen to get involved in ceremonies!

16. I still have questions; who should I contact?

Please contact the Nentico Ceremonies Chair and Adviser at Ceremonies@Nentico.org with any further inquiries on the ceremonialist award.