

Distinguished Service Medal Nomination

The Hudson Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, for Service to the Council, its Districts and Units, awards the Distinguished Service Medal to registered volunteer Scouters. This service should represent a sustained, very strong performance of service to the youth of the district/council with clear and exceptional results. **As this is a Council recognition, the nominee should have involvement beyond the unit, meaning at either the district or council level.** In addition, the nominee has typically been previously recognized with the District Award of Merit.

The Distinguished Service Medal may be given only once to a recipient. The number of annual recipients will not exceed twice the Council’s Silver Beaver authorizations.

This Medal will be presented to the recipients at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner. If the proposed recipient is not in attendance, the Medal will be presented at the next appropriate Council event.

The Recommender and the Distinguished Service Medal Selection Committee must keep this nomination confidential. Every precaution should be taken to obtain the data without the nominee learning, directly or indirectly, that he/she is being nominated. People from whom you obtain data must be requested to keep your request and purpose confidential as well. This prevents embarrassment when a nominee is not selected.

Nominations must use this form, be printed or typed, and be submitted by January 15.

TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Date: _____

In view of the exceptional performance of: _____

I nominate him/her for the Distinguished Service Medal. I have carried out my duty to keep this recommendation confidential.

Submitted for consideration by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Business): _____

Phone (Home): _____

Email: _____

Position in Scouting: _____

Please mail or deliver by the due date to:

The Distinguished Service Medal Selection Committee
Hudson Valley Council, BSA
6 Jeanne Drive
Newburgh, New York 12550

(This nomination is valid for the year in which it is submitted)

IT IS A PLEASURE TO NOMINATE: _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

FOR SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL, ITS DISTRICTS & UNITS THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

RECORD UPON WHICH THIS NOMINATION IS BASED

(Give pertinent facts, dates, offices held. If more space is needed, please use additional sheets.)

1. Home Address:

Street City State Zip Code
2. * Employed By: _____ * Occupation: _____
3. * Business Address:

Street City State Zip Code
4. Home Phone: _____ Email: _____
5. * Date of Birth: _____
6. * Education: _____
7. * Name of Spouse: _____
8. * Name of Religious Institution: _____
 - Location (Street, Town): _____
 - Approximate number of years membership: _____
 - Name of Spiritual Leader: _____ Phone: _____
9. Number of years in Scouting as a Cub ___ Boy ___ Explorer ___ Girl ___ Adult ___
10. Highest Rank attained (Cub Scout: _____) (Boy Scout: _____) (Girl Scout: _____)
11. Record of Service in Scouting: From _____ To _____
(Overall Time Period)
12. Current Position in Scouting: _____ Unit information, if applicable:
District Name: _____ Unit #: _____
Chartered Organization: _____
Location (Street, Town): _____
Registration card expires on: _____

*** Optional information for biography**

(Confidential when completed)

Name of Nominee: _____

ADULT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD

(List positions held in Scouting - include Unit Positions, District, Council, Area and Region.)

<u>Position or Title</u>	<u>Place of Service (Unit /District/Etc.)</u>	<u>Month & Year (From/To)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SCOUTING AWARDS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

	<u>Award Details</u>	<u>Date of Award</u>
District Award of Merit	_____	_____
Veteran Award	_____	_____
Training Awards	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Other (Specify)	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE and RESULTS

Describe the specific actions, the strength of performance, and the clear and exceptional results that in your opinion qualify this nominee for the Distinguished Service Medal:

ACTION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Date Reviewed: _____ For the Committee: _____

Approved for the Distinguished Service Medal: _____

Selection Procedures for the Distinguished Service Medal

1. The Council's Distinguished Service Medal Selection Committee will consider all current nominees for this Award.
2. All Hudson Valley Council nominations must be submitted on the Hudson Valley Council's Distinguished Service Medal Nomination form. A nomination is only good for one year. **Only the current year's form packet will be accepted.**
3. The Distinguished Service Medal Selection Committee shall be comprised of 7 voting members. All voting members must be Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Beaver, Venturing Leadership or Spurgeon Award recipients and **may not be a nominator or relative** of a Scouter being proposed for an award.
4. The 7 voting members shall be: one Selection Committee Member from each of the 4 Districts proposed by the District Chair, and two ad hoc members proposed by the Council President. These designees will be approved by the Council Vice-President of Program and the Council Youth Development Committee Chair. The Selection Committee Chair will be the Council Youth Development Committee Chair, or designee approved by the Council Vice-President of Program and the Council Executive.
5. The number of Distinguished Service Medals given may not exceed twice the number of authorized Silver Beaver authorizations in a given year. Distinguished Service Medal authorizations that go unused will not be carried over to a subsequent year.
6. The following annual timeline is set for the Distinguished Service Medal nomination processing:
 - Nominations forms reproduced and distributed at the Program Launch and Roundtables.
 - Nominations due at the Council Service Center no later than January 15.
 - Selection Committee concludes no later than the scheduled January Selection Committee meeting.
 - Presentation of Medals will occur at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner.