

Silver Beaver Award Nomination

The Silver Beaver Award is presented to registered volunteer Scouters by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, for Noteworthy Service of Exceptional Character to Boyhood, upon recommendation of local councils. Service to Scouting, to boyhood in other ways, and standing in the community are also considered in selecting candidates. **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 Council Distinguished Service Medal and/or the District Award of Merit.

This award will be presented to the recipient at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner. If the proposed recipient is not in attendance, the Award will be presented at the next National Court of Honor.

The Recommender/Nominator, Endorsers, and Silver Beaver Selection Committee, must keep this proposed nomination confidential. Every precaution should be taken to obtain the data without the nominee learning, directly or indirectly, that he/she is being nominated for the Award. People from whom you obtain data must be requested to keep your request and purpose confidential as well. This conforms to National BSA Policy and prevents embarrassing circumstances when a nominee is not selected.

It is strongly recommended that three supporting letters of endorsement from other volunteer Scouters accompany this application. See page 3 for details.

Nominations must be on the National BSA Silver Beaver Nomination Form, and the Hudson Valley Council form. Use all forms pages within this packet. This secondary form is used to supplement the information on the candidate in order to facilitate choosing the best candidate. The forms must be printed or typed, and submitted by January 15.

TO THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Date: _____

In view of the outstanding record of _____

I recommend that this person be considered as a Nominee for the Silver Beaver Award. I have carried out my duty to keep this recommendation confidential. Submitted for consideration by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Position in Scouting: _____

Please mail or deliver by the due date to:

The Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee
Hudson Valley Council, BSA
6 Jeanne Drive
Newburgh, New York 12550

Name of Nominee: _____

SCOUTER ENDORSEMENTS

Three endorsements are strongly suggested— preferably from Scouters on district and council level. Their signatures (below) indicate that they have reviewed this Nomination. Their **letters of recommendation** must attest to the nominee’s character and may state additional reasons which support this nomination. Also consider letters from outside agencies/groups/individuals that can describe the nominee’s participation in other organizations, in addition to Scouting.

<u>Name (print)</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Official Position</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date: _____ Signature: _____
Recommender

Since there are but a limited number of nominations which the Council may make each year, many worthy candidates may be held over for consideration from one year to another. This nomination is valid for the current year in which it is submitted plus an additional year. However, it is suggested that the Recommender update and resubmit any supporting documentation or new information that would lend itself to further demonstrate the qualifications of the person being nominated.

ACTION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Date Reviewed: _____ For the Committee: _____
Recommended for the Award of Silver Beaver: _____
Recommended for Reconsideration Next Year: _____
Recommended for Reconsideration Next Year: _____

Silver Beaver Selection Procedures

1. The Council's Silver Beaver Selection Committee will consider all proposed nominees for the Award. Each duly chartered council is entitled to one nomination; additionally, it is entitled to one nomination for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof, as of December 31 preceding selecting from those nominated and according to the records of the national office. The Silver Beaver Award will be made in conformance with Article X, Section 6, and Clause 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. All Hudson Valley Council nominations should be submitted on both the National Silver Beaver Nomination form and supported with additional information found on the Hudson Valley Council's "Silver Beaver Award Nomination" form. These forms, with the 3 letters, gives the selection committee more information about the nominee. These submissions will be considered valid for two years. **Only the current year's form packet will be accepted.**
3. The Hudson Valley Council Silver Beaver Selection Committee will consider all first year completed nominations and all previous year only nominations carried over by the Hudson Valley Council. Previous year nominations should be reviewed to ensure that the credentials or contributions reflect current data.
4. The Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee shall be comprised of 7 voting members. All voting members must be Silver Beaver recipients and **may not be a nominator or relative** of a Scouter being proposed for an award.
5. 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.
6. The following annual timeline is set for the Silver Beaver Award nomination processing:
 - Nomination forms reproduced and distributed at the Program Launch & 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.
 - Silver Beaver recipients will be selected no later than January 31.
 - Presentation of Medals will occur at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner.



The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

This nomination form must be sent to the local council.

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

RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	From – To	Total Years
Chartered organization representative					
Committee chair					
Committee member					
Cubmaster					
Assistant Cubmaster					
Tiger Cub Coach					
Den leader					
Assistant den leader					
Webelos den leader					
Assistant Webelos den leader					
Scoutmaster					
Assistant Scoutmaster					
Crew Advisor					
Assistant crew Advisor					
Varsity Coach					
Assistant Varsity Coach					
Skipper					
Mate					
District chair					
District vice chair					
District committee member					
District commissioner					
Assistant district commissioner					
Unit commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable staff					
Boy Scout roundtable commissioner					
Boy Scout roundtable staff					
Merit badge counselor					
Order of the Arrow chapter advisor					
Venturing roundtable commissioner					
Council board chair					
Council commissioner					
Assistant council commissioner					
Council board of directors member					
Council committee chair					
Council committee member					
Member-at-large					
Honorary life member					

Total number of years as a registered adult volunteer: _____

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 the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters. Explorer leaders are eligible to be awarded the William H. Spurgeon III Award.
4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. 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

Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 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 local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented 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, Cub Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence 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 location.
- f) Each duly chartered local 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, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- h) 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.