



Three Rivers District Awards

Background: Each year the Three Rivers District honors its volunteer Scouters by conferring special recognition awards, resulting from nominations made by individuals who have personal knowledge of the efforts and service provided by their nominees. The award categories and minimum requirements for each award are provided below as a guide to assist units or individuals in nominating deserving volunteers.

Eligibility: Any registered Scout volunteer may be nominated for the awards listed below; specific category guidelines apply. All nominees must be registered and trained for the position in which they are nominated.

Unit or Individual Nomination Action: Anyone may submit nominations. All nominations must be received by the Three Rivers District Awards Committee by **January 30th, 2016** to be considered. Silver Beaver Award nominations are due to the Council Service Center no later than **December 12th, 2015**. All nominations must be in writing using the official nomination forms. Units are strongly encouraged to collect and include as much relevant information on nominees and submit one nomination per award category. Providing detailed and accurate facts and information improves your nominee's chances of receiving recognition. **The District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award submission forms are being provided as two separate documents in addition to this award submission package.**

Award Submissions: Awards can be submitted in several ways. The preferred method is using electronic submission. Nomination forms may be electronically filled out or printed, filled out and then scanned. These electronic submissions can be emailed to:

3rivers.district.awards@gmail.com

Nominations may be hand delivered at any District roundtable between now and **January 14th, 2016**. They may also be turned in or mailed to the Council Service Center in a sealed envelope and marked

Attn: Three Rivers District
Awards Nomination Committee

Discussion: It is extremely important to provide enough information with each nomination that is substantive and sufficient to clearly illustrate why your nominee deserves recognition. Simply stated, "Make the committee aware of what your nominee does for Scouting". It is important to provide complete and factual information with all nominations. Nominating volunteers who have completed all training requirements for his/her current registered position is highly encouraged. Incomplete nominations and inaccurate statements may result in a missed opportunity to recognize a deserving volunteer. The committee will attempt to verify all information provided for nominees before choosing award recipients - especially for the District Award of Merit. All nominations will be held in the strictest confidence. Award winners will be announced at the annual District Dinner.

Nomination Requirements

- Nominee must have performed services for which they are nominated during the past calendar year (January – December 2015).
- Nominee must have been registered and trained in the position for which nominated.
- Nominee must have rendered noteworthy service above that which would be considered normal for the position, or have accomplished the normal duties in an outstanding manner.
- Nominee should have demonstrated those factors that represent the ideals of Scouting.

Note: All nominations are CONFIDENTIAL. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise the nominee in any way of your action on his or her behalf,

ALL UNITS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR EACH APPLICABLE CATEGORY.

Recognition Categories:

CUB SCOUTER/BOY SCOUTER OF THE YEAR (Large/Small): One award in each category may be given to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit volunteer to a Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop within the Three Rivers District. This category is divided into Large Unit (more than 20 registered boys) and Small Unit (less than 20 registered boys) to recognize the different challenges of each.

CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR: One award may be given in this category to recognize the noteworthy and sustained service given by a unit committee member to a Pack or Troop within the Three Rivers District.

CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT "SPARKPLUG" AWARD: Two awards may be given at each level in this category to recognize significant service (generally, for a short period) given to a Pack or Troop within the Three Rivers District.

COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR: One award may be given in this category to recognize noteworthy and sustained service given at the unit or district level by a registered commissioner within the Three Rivers District.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR: One award may be given in this category to recognize noteworthy and sustained service given at the district level by a member of the Three Rivers District Committee.

LEGEND OF SERVICE: One award may be given in this category to recognize sustained, significant leadership and service given at the unit or district level for a minimum of five years by a registered scouter within the Three Rivers District.

HONOR UNIT: One award is given in this category to one Pack and one Troop with distinguished unit accomplishment that also provides service within the district as a group. This award consists of a traveling trophy and a unit streamer. Nominees for this award are required to submit the Honor Unit award nomination form below.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT: This is the highest award the District can bestow upon a volunteer each year. The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts or Exploring divisions in the same manner that the Silver Beaver Award is presented as a National award by local councils. Only one registered volunteer for every 25 units (or fraction thereof) may earn this award in a district per year. This award recognizes sustained service to youth and the community. BSA policy requires the use of the standardized Nomination for Award of Merit form provided below for each nominee. The Award of Merit nomination should include specific information on all volunteer service the nominee performs in the Scouting program in addition to service rendered to youth in the community or civic organizations.

This award may only be received once in a scouter's lifetime, previous District Award of Merit winners are not eligible to be nominated again.

SILVER BEAVER AWARD: This award must be submitted to COUNCIL for consideration. This is the highest award the Council can award any volunteer each year. The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.



THREE RIVERS AWARD NOMINATION

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

NOMINEE IS REGISTERED AS:

UNIT:

NOMINATED FOR:

- Cub Scouter of the Year (Large) Boy Scouter of the Year (Large) District Committee Member of the Year
- Cub Scouter of the Year (Small) Boy Scouter of the Year (Small)
- Cub Scout Committee Member Boy Scout Committee Member
- Cub Scout Spark Plug Boy Scout Spark Plug
- Legend of Service Commissioner of the Year

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

YEARS IN SCOUTING:

YEARS IN POSITION:

YEARS IN UNIT:

PAST UNITS:

PAST AWARDS RECEIVED (IF KNOWN):

REMARKS (AWARD WRITEUP):

AWARD SUBMITTED BY:

PRINTED NAME:

CURRENT SCOUTING POSITION:

UNIT: EMAIL:

PHONE: (HOME) (WORK)

MAILING ADDRESS:



Three Rivers District Honor Unit Award

Unit:

Chartered Organization:

Institution Head:

Chartered Organization Representative:

Committee Chairman:

Unit Leader:

Unit Qualifications:

- Journey To Excellence Any Level Complete Unit Committee (minimum of 3 registered)
- On time unit charter renewal Written Annual Program Plan

Activities Date, Location and number of scouts

Attended Summer Resident camp last year

Pack attended Day Camp last year

Unit Service Projects last year

List unit activities, special events and community service projects that involved at least 60% of the unit members. List any district level event the unit was involved in supporting (list specifics):

Contact information for person making this nomination:

Name:

Phone Number: