

NOMINATION FOR LIFESAVING OR MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARD

1. Types of Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards:

(NOTE: The type of recognition, if any, will be determined by the NCAC committee or the National Court of Honor, and Recognition shall not be given where it appears that the action involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation.)

Lifesaving Awards

These awards recognize the attempt to save life and an accompanying measure of risk to self.

Honor Medal with Crossed Palms: The Honor Medal With Crossed Palms may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save a life at extreme risk to self.

- Awarded in 2012: 14
- Cumulative awards since 1924: 277

Honor Medal: The honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.

- Awarded in 2012: 52
- Cumulative awards since 1923: 2,354

Meritorious Action Awards

These awards recognize notable acts of service that need not involve attempts to rescue or risk to self but put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals.

Medal of Merit: Has performed an act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.

National Certificate of Merit: Has performed a significant act of service deserving of special national recognition.

National Capital Area Council Certificate of Merit: Has performed an exceptional act of service that is deserving of recognition by the National Capital Area Council.

3. Eligibility: Recommended individual must be a registered youth or adult member of the BSA.

(Explorers and Learning for Life members must use the Learning for Life recommendation form)

4. The following supporting information will be submitted with this recommendation (if possible):

- Personally prepared and signed statement by person performing action, describing the incident.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by the rescued person, if any.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by each witness, describing the action as he or she recalls the details. Include the address, phone number and Email of all witnesses.
- Copy of Emergency Service Incident Report, if any.
- Newspaper clippings and similar material which pertain to the case.
- Glossy photo of the individual who made the rescue (4"x 6" preferred).

5. It is essential that all of the information be complete to preclude delay in consideration. You may be requested to furnish additional information.

6. Nominations should be submitted to the NCAC within six months of the event to provide time for the Meritorious Awards Committee to review documents, schedule interviews with principals, and complete recommendations for any recognition within the year time limit set by the National Court of Honor.

7. After a completed nomination form with all supporting statements is received, the chairman will acknowledge and schedule a committee meeting for in-person interviews with the principals involved in the action. If the nomination is not acknowledged within three weeks of submission to the Marriott Scout Service Center, the nominator should contact the MAC chairman or staff advisor.

8. Address all communications to: Chairman, Meritorious Awards Committee, National Capital Area Council,
Boy Scouts of America, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

PLEASE FILL IN THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION.

**MERITORIOUS AWARD NOMINATION
REQUIRED DATA FOR ALL CASES**

The following individual is nominated for a lifesaving or meritorious award

Name of the person recommended for recognition _____

Age at the time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Parents' Name if Person is a youth _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email address of Parents or Nominated Scouter _____

The candidate is registered in the BSA as a (Circle One): Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or adult, in the following unit:

_____ Number _____ District _____
Pack, Troop, Team, Crew

Chartered Organization _____

of City _____ State _____

Rank at time of action _____ If adult, indicate present office in Scouting _____

Name of rescued person _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Age at the time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____ Email _____

Name and location of place where action occurred _____

Date and Time of incident: Date: _____ Time: _____

Individual submitting recommendation:

Name _____ Signature _____

Position in Scouting: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work or Cell _____

Email address _____ Date Submitted: _____