



The Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. 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.

The Silver Beaver nomination document is available by going to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/awards-and-recognition/silver-beaver/>. The nomination form and supporting information packet for the Silver Beaver award should be placed in a sealed envelop with "Silver Beaver Nomination" on the outside and either delivered or mailed to the Marriott Scout Service Center ONLY.

All nominations MUST be received at the MSSC no later than NOVEMBER 30 of this year.

How to Write a *VIABLE* Silver Beaver Nomination

- **Getting started**
 - Identify Nominee(s)
 - Read the instructions on the nomination form (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf)
 - Any volunteer can be nominated
 - Average candidate tenure is 10 years or longer (according to USSCOUTS.ORG)
 - This award is not intended for professionals
 - Start early – **DO NOT MISS DEADLINES** (30 November at NCAC)
 - Plan to address all three areas in the nomination
 - Record of Service in the BSA
 - Standing in the community **exclusive of Scouting**
 - Noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth
 - Feel free to attach extra pages to get all the relevant information included!
- **Where to get information**
 - District Records (if kept)
 - Write-ups for previous awards
 - Nominee's family (spouse, scout son)
 - Employer or co-workers
 - Church, Synagogue, Mosque, etc.
 - Other Scouters that know the nominee
- **What to include**
 - Positions held including period of service and unit and/or district or council
 - Significant training completed
 - Awards and recognitions
 - Leadership roles in scouting events/activities
 - Cover letters
- **After submission**
 - Nomination is date stamped to mark receipt
 - Nominations are placed on file for review
 - Nominations are summarized
 - Committee meets two nights to review the nominations
- **Final tips**
 - **Read the Instructions!**
 - Cover all three areas
 - Be concise
 - Emphasize points you want to appear in the summary
 - Add extra pages to get all the relevant information included
 - Attempt to get examples of other nominations that were successful
 - Start early – **submit on time**

Questions or comments? Please contact Jim Stewart, Silver Beaver Selection Committee Chair at va6stewart@gmail.com

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