

Silver Beaver and Golden Sun Nomination Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS & RULES

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee ***exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate***. Do not use abbreviations, initials only, or nicknames. For example: Robert Henry Bradley (not Hank Bradley) or Jennifer Marie Smith (not Jen Smith).
2. Furnish as much information as possible for all sections. Specific group identification enables us to provide the name of the award winner to their national organization headquarters, who may wish to compliment the recipient of the honor.
3. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters or employees within 5 years of their leaving employment with the Boy Scouts of America | Scouting America. Other council employees (part-time or full-time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
4. Silver Beaver Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
5. Self-Nominations are not allowed. A person(s) must be nominated by someone other than themselves. Self-nominations and self-solicitations will result in that nomination being disqualified.
6. All nominations **MUST** be submitted not later than December 1st. Provided however that the selection committee, for good cause, may extend such due date.
7. A previous Silver Beaver Award recipient is **not** eligible to receive a Golden Sun Award.
8. A previous Golden Sun Award recipient is eligible to receive a Silver Beaver Award.

RULES and REGULATIONS of the SCOUTING AMERICA

Article X, Section 6, Clause 3—
Silver Beaver Award

Scouting America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- (a) This award may be made each year upon the Nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.
- (b) The award is made for noteworthy service of Exceptional character to youth by registered Cub Scouters, 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 Scouting America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue and white 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 with its annual meeting or other public function.
- (f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 traditional units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 traditional 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 Scouting America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.

To the Committee:

I take pleasure in presenting for your consideration, the nomination of the Scouter named below for the Silver Beaver or Golden Sun Award. Nomination for:

Nominee Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Employer _____

Position currently registered in Scouting as: _____

And holds a certificate expiring: _____ Received the Golden Sun Award

Scout District: _____

Evidence of Service to youth and community standing appears in detail on the following pages.

The constitution and by-laws of the Ozark Trails Council, Scouting America, provide the following standards that shall be used as a guide by the committee.

1. Mandatory Requirements

- a. Candidates for the award shall be registered volunteer Scouters within the Council territory.
- b. They must be at least 21 years of age.
- c. They must have rendered noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth. It is recognizable that the nature and value of noteworthy service to youth might take the form of a single plan or decisions which contributed vitally to the lives of a large number of youth, or to a small group over an extended period of time.
- d. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a local council can present. There are no minimum years of service required.
- e. Golden Sun candidates must have a minimum of 5 years of service with the Ozark Trails Council.

2. Desirable Requirements /Tips

- a. The committee shall give consideration to a Scouter's position and opportunity to render service and how this service may be regarded as outstanding or distinctive beyond the exception of normal duty.
- b. The candidate shall have some experience in service to youth outside of Scouting.
- c. That the time and experience of the nominee reflect the values of Scouting (lasting values vs. spectacular).
- d. That consideration be given to the nominee's record of service, reputation and standing of candidate in the community.
- e. The nominator should provide narrative to the nomination. Include extra pages, if necessary, to explain accomplishments of nominee. Include letters from other Scout leaders.
- f. The nominator must include descriptions of nominee's work in other youth organizations, standing in the community, church affiliation and activities, and civic and fraternal affiliations.

Important:

Furnish as much information as possible for each section. For example: President - Rotary Club, Vestryman - St. Paul's Church, Chairman - Red Cross Campaign, Exalted Ruler - Elks, Scouts. If necessary, please attach supplementary sheets or letters providing additional information.

Note for Silver Beaver Award:

It must be understood that the Ozark Trails Council only has the authority to recommend Silver Beaver nominations. Final selection is the function of the National Committee on awards of Distinguished Service. A Golden Sun Award winner from previous years is eligible to receive the Silver Beaver. A Silver Beaver Award winner is **NOT** eligible to receive a Golden Sun Award.

Silver Beaver & Golden Sun Nomination Form

Please fill out the following information:

Nominee:

I have carefully read the conditions governing nominations on this form and believe the Scouter named is qualified for the following reasons: (please add additional paper if needed for explanations, the more info the better!)

1. Record of service and awards in Scouting America with dates and positions held:

Year

Position

Unit

2. Record of service in other youth organizations with offices and positions held:

Year

Position in Organization

3. Record of standing in the community, including business and professional affiliations:

4. Church Affiliation: _____

a. Record of activities within the Church:

5. Civic and Fraternal Affiliations:

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6. Outstanding and exceptional service upon which I base this nomination:

Name of Scouter Making the Nomination

Nominators Position in Scouting

Nominators Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Note:

This nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise the nominee in any way of your action in his or her behalf.

*This application must be filled out completely. Any that are not will be returned to the nominator.

**A list of past recipients is available at the council service center in Springfield, MO.

E-Mail Completed Form to:

Michael.Widman@scouting.org

This form **must** be submitted in by December 1st.

Chairman, Silver Beaver Award Committee

Scout Executive