

MESA DISTRICT
THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SELECTION OF NOMINEES FOR ALL DISTRICT AWARDS

Annually, the District selects names of persons who have been nominated to receive one of several awards at the annual recognition meeting. The selection is made by the District Awards Committee, composed of adult volunteer scouters who have received the District Award of Merit previously. These scouters include representatives of each of the four phases of Scouting, i.e. Cubs, Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Exploring.

Nomination forms are used to furnish names of candidates to the Committee. These forms are available from our District Executives, and are generally available at Roundtables for several months preceding the deadline for turn-in. The deadline for turn-in is set each year and is generally the September Roundtable in order to meet printing deadlines.

The committee evaluates each nomination form based on four main areas. These are:

1. Exceptional service to Scouting (Unit, District and/or Council);
2. Exceptional service to other youth organizations;
3. Awards and recognitions which the candidate has previously received;
4. Service in the community (religious, civic groups, fraternal groups or business);

In evaluating the forms, the committee places weight on content rather than "penmanship", or technical presentation (typed or handwritten) of the nomination form, or number of forms submitted. It is preferable to have one nomination, with complete information signed by several people, rather than many forms with partial or incomplete information. It is not necessary for a candidate to be nominated by more than one person. An attached photo will help the committee put names and faces of our scouters together, and will aid in the selection of candidates.

Keep in mind that service to youth can take many forms such as work relating to finances, adult leader training, camporees, unit committees, council activities, etc. While years of service are important, a shorter period of exceptional service may deserve more weight than more years of less exceptional service. Other considerations might be whether the service is of lasting or transitory nature, and the number of people affected by it. Does it appear that the candidate goes the "extra mile"? Also consider whether the candidate serves scouting through his or her family activities, community service and the like.

Use of the guidelines on the next page will be helpful in determining the appropriate District Awards for which a candidate should be nominated. These guidelines should be considered as general requirements for the award, and while a candidate who has not met all the requirements may be selected for an award, it would be only for very exceptional circumstances.

MESA DISTRICT
AWARDS CRITERIA

SCOUTERS HALL OF FAME

Selection for induction into the Scouters Hall of Fame in the appropriate area of service is based on several factors. Consideration may be given for a single year of service, if very noteworthy, but generally should be for several years of dedicated service to scouting in one of the following areas:

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| 1. Unit Committee Hall of Fame | 4. Varsity Leader Hall of Fame |
| 2. Cub Leader Hall of Fame | 5. Venture Leader Hall of Fame |
| 3. Scout Leader Hall of Fame | 6. Commissioner Hall of Fame |

Previous Scouting awards, training received, roundtable attendance and participation in District and Council events should be stressed. The number of inductees will be determined by the number of qualified nominations received by the Committee.

SCOUT FAMILY OF THE YEAR

This award is not necessarily limited to a single family. The decision of which family or families to recognize will be made by the District Awards Committee based on nominations received and knowledge of Scouters and their families in the Mesa District. Consideration for this award will be based on service to scouting by the parents (including willing support by a spouse for an active scouter), participation of sons in the scouting program and active support by other members of the family in making the family an example of the principles and ideals of the Boy Scouts of America.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

This is the highest BSA award the District can bestow upon the dedicated scouters in the District. The number of awards is determined by the number of units sponsored in the District. It should be noted that if the Committee determines there are fewer qualified nominations than the number of awards available, the Committee can (and has in the past) present the award to only those qualified which may be fewer than the maximum number allowed.

Requirements;

1. Minimum five years service to the District (can be on a unit level, but must be for an sustained period of time or be of such significance or exceptional value, that the District or Council has benefitted substantially). Nominations must be specific as to this requirement.
2. Service to youth in other capacities outside of scouting is a significant factor in determining qualified candidates for the District Award of Merit.
3. Complete information about a candidate in such areas as training received, other Scouting awards, Woodbadge, OA, Commissioners College etc. is also necessary to aid in determining the candidates who best exemplify Scouting in the Mesa District.

BEN HEYWOOD MEMORIAL PIONEER AWARD

This award is not required to be given every year. Based on exceptional service and tenure on the District level. Nominees should have been awarded previously the District Award of Merit (if eligible).

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(ATTACH PHOTO IF POSSIBLE)

DISTRICT AWARDS NOMINATION

NOMINATION FOR: _____ **YEAR:** _____

Award of Merit _____ Scout Family of the Year _____ Ben Heywood Memorial Award _____

SCOUTERS HALL OF FAME:

Cubs _____ Scouts _____ Varsity Scouts _____ Ventures _____

Unit Committees _____ Commissioners _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Candidate _____ Phone B: _____

Name of Spouse _____ H: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation/Organization _____

CURRENT STATUS IN SCOUTING: (Type of unit and registered position)

_____ Unit No. _____

SCOUTING AWARDS, TRAINING AND RECOGNITIONS:

	<u>Year Received</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
Eagle	_____	Other Training, Awards or Staff Experience
O/A Vigil Honor	_____	_____
Adult Religious (Specify)	_____	_____
Scouters Training Award	_____	_____
Scouters Key (Specify)	_____	_____
Arrowhead Award	_____	_____
Woodbadge Training	_____	_____
Woodbadge Staff	_____	_____

Service Record in BSA with Positions, Locations, Council Names, Chartered Organizations and Specific Achievements

Past and Present Community Activities and Achievements, including business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, etc. with dates and offices held, specific achievements and honors received:

Statement of Meritorious service to District/Division/Unit:

The completeness and accuracy of the information requested above is crucial to the Awards selection process. Please make every effort to provide as much detail as possible. Use additional paper if necessary and attach to nomination form.

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: _____

PHONE: H. _____ B. _____