



# The Silver Buffalo Award



The Silver Buffalo Award, created in 1925, is bestowed upon those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth. This award, Scouting's highest commendation, recognizes the invaluable contributions that outstanding American men and women render to youth. The service must be national or international in character and may or may not be directly connected with the BSA. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of the nomination.

### GENERAL NOMINEE AND NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company name \_\_\_\_\_ Professional title \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his or her personal, family, and professional activities.

Confirmation by person submitting nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name)

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Nominator's contact phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of nominee's local council \_\_\_\_\_

Scout executive approval \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Statement of noteworthy service to youth, of a national or international character, outside of the line of regular duty, either directly to or independent of the Boy Scouts of America and representing the primary reason that the Nominator is nominating Nominee for The Silver Buffalo Award.

## B. SCOUTING RECOGNITION

Scouting Honors					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year
Eagle Scout Award		Summit Award		Quartermaster Award	
Arrow of Light Award		Youth Religious Emblem		Adult Religious Emblem	
Order of the Arrow member		Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor		Distinguished Eagle Scout Award	
Community Organization Award		Unit Leader Award of Merit		Scouter's Key	
Scouter's Training Award		District Award of Merit		Silver Beaver Award	
Silver Antelope Award		Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award		Asian American Spirit of Scouting	
Vale le Pena Service Award		Special Needs Scouting Service Award			
Other Scouting Recognitions					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year

## PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS

C. Describe other noteworthy service to youth made, either; directly to or independent of the Boy Scouts of America, by this person that is national or international in character and far beyond what any outstanding volunteer might do.

D. Provide a detailed explanation emphasizing the candidate's non-Scouting honors received indicative of major service to youth within their community and beyond, including service at the national or international level.



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. This official nomination form must be used.
2. Give the nominee's full name and title; avoid the use of nicknames.
3. Provide as much information as necessary using the space provided on this form. No additional documents should be attached other than supporting letters of recommendation and a clear photo of the nominee (head shot). Photo is to be not larger than 4" by 6".
4. Supporting letters are accepted electronically and should provide supporting evidence of worthiness to earn the award, not just personal recommendations or endorsements.
- 5. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.**
6. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
7. Members of the National Court of Honor shall not submit, recommend or support any specific nomination.
8. Individuals shall not nominate themselves.
9. Unsuccessful nominations shall not be rolled over for the Committee consideration in the next or future years. Individuals who have been nominated in the past, but not selected, must be re-nominated in full pursuant to these instructions.
- 10. Nomination forms along with no more than 2 recommendation letters must be submitted together electronically with this form to the National Council at [awards@scouting.org](mailto:awards@scouting.org) no later than August 31 for recognition the following year. If you wish to include a photo of the nominee with this form, please attach it here. (head and shoulders shot only, not larger than 4"x 6")**

**Submit electronic nomination forms and supporting documents to:**

[awards@scouting.org](mailto:awards@scouting.org)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Article X, Section 6, Clause 1  
Silver Buffalo Award

The Boy Scouts of America may award the Silver Buffalo for distinguished service to citizens of the United States upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) These awards may be made each year.
- b) The award is made on the basis of noteworthy service to youth, of a national or international character, outside of the line of regular duty, either directly to or independent of the Boy Scouts of America.
- c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, descriptive of the services rendered, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the Executive Board; and a miniature Silver Buffalo, suspended by a red, white, and red ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) These awards shall be made at the meeting of the National Council or at a major function of the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the Executive Board, which action shall be based upon recommendation to the Executive Board by the National Court of Honor, or by recommendations to the Executive Board by the president of the corporation and the Chief Scout Executive.