



Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award

OVERVIEW

The Significance of the Ruritan Service Award

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The Application and Selection for the Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award.

Ruritan Scout Leader Service Awards will, to the maximum extent possible, be presented annually at the Ruritan National convention. The Ruritan National selection committee makes the final determination on all recipients. The award will consist of public recognition of the recipient's accomplishments, an appropriate Ruritan recognition certificate, and authorization for the recipient to wear the BSA square knot patch (or other scout organization's recognition piece) on the recipient's Scout uniform.

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The recommended procedure for selecting a recipient of the Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award is as follows:

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Ruritan National makes the final selection of the recipients from the candidates submitted, notifies the nominating club of the action taken, and forwards the recipient's contact information to the appropriate scouting organization's national headquarters for recording.

Qualification Guidelines

The nominating local Ruritan Club may develop its own standards for submittal, but should consider such factors as the nominee's record in:

- Forming scouting units, especially those operated by Ruritan Clubs.
- Recruiting Ruritan members to become scout leaders and to be involved in units operated by Ruritan Clubs or other community organizations.
- Promoting and expanding the use of the BSA Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, including serving as or recruiting other Ruritan members to serve as Merit Badge Counselors.
- Making a significant contribution to Ruritan and scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.
- Taking scout leader training and setting a good example for youth, particularly in service to the community.
- Promoting scouting for all youth, regardless of race, creed, or disabling condition.

Although a nominee's length of service in scouting may be considered, no specific number of years should be required. A person's record of accomplishment and dedication should weigh more heavily than longevity.

Presentation of the Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award

To the maximum extent possible, the presentation of Ruritan Scout Leader Service Awards shall be made annually at Ruritan National Convention (note: for awarding at the Ruritan National Convention, all nominations must be at Ruritan National by November 1st).

In addition, after the Ruritan National presentation a local presentation can be made at an event such as a local scout council or district function, or a Ruritan district or local Ruritan Club awards dinner or other function.

Application Form

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APPLICATION FOR THE Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award

Instructions

The award is a national recognition by Ruritan National, approved by the Boy Scouts of America, and other scouting organizations. It may be presented to any Ruritan who has made a significant contribution to the youth of his or her community through Scouting. The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no quota. No honorary recognitions will be made.

Guide for Selection Committee

The following are some award qualifications. An individual who possesses a combination of these would meet the requirements for this recognition. These are offered as a guide only. However, they are indicative of what the Selection Committee will be seeking. This list is not inclusive, as there are many other areas that could be considered. Qualifications for consideration may include the candidate's record in:

- Forming scouting units, especially those operated by Ruritan Clubs.
- Recruiting Ruritan members to become scout leaders and to be involved in units sponsored by Ruritan Clubs or other community organizations.
- Promoting and expanding the use of the Citizenship in the BSA Community Merit Badge, including serving as or recruiting other Ruritan members to serve as Merit Badge Counselors.
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NOTE: Work, accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in scouting, should be the criteria for receiving this award.

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Nomination information

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**Candidate Nomination Form
Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award**

Nominations due November 1; award winner announced in December and award presented at Ruritan National Convention each January, if possible.

Name of Nominee _____
 Occupation _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 e-mail address _____
 Ruritan Club affiliation _____
 Number of Years as Ruritan member _____
 BSA Local Council _____ Number of Years as Scout Leader _____
 Other scout organization local unit _____

Local Ruritan Club Recommendation

The foregoing candidate is a member of our Ruritan Club and upon reflection of his/her record is considered by our Club as having satisfied the requirements for the Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award and is hereby recommended to be awarded the same.

By _____ Title _____ Date _____
(Name & signature of local club president or designee)

Local Ruritan Club Name _____
 Club Address _____, City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Club e-mail address _____
 Phone number of club contact person _____

Scout organization Local Council Certification

I concur with the above recommendation and certify that the candidate is registered in Scouting.
 Council Name _____ No. _____

Date _____ Signed _____

Scout Executive

Email address _____ Phone number _____

Approval of Ruritan National

On behalf of Ruritan National, I hereby certify that the foregoing Candidate is in good standing as a Ruritan Member, that the record of service of the foregoing candidate has been reviewed carefully by the Ruritan National Selection Committee, and that this candidate meets the requirements for the Ruritan Scout Leader Service Award.

Date _____ By _____ Title _____
Selection Committee Chair or Designee

Record of Candidate

(Give pertinent facts: dates, offices held, actions taken to promote scouting / Ruritan and scouting partnerships, etc. See Guidelines for selection committees for suggestions. If more space is needed, please add extra sheets. Note: for awarding at the Ruritan National Convention, all nominations must be at Ruritan National by November 1st).

A. IN RURITAN NATIONAL AT ALL LEVELS (Club, Zone, District, or National)

B. IN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA or other national scouting organization.

Accomplishments in existing scouting units.

Forming new scouting units.

Other scouting involvement.

C. IN OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (activities in civic, religious, educational, fraternal, and other fields.)

Return completed application to the following address by November 1st.
Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin VA 24084
540-674-5431 (fax 540-674-2304)