Scouting America

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 Scouting America. 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: _____

Country: _____ Home ph: _____ Cell: _____

Company name: _____ Professional title: _____

Business address: _____

City _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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 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 Scouting America and representing the primary reason that the Nominator is nominating the 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 la 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 Scouting 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.

E. Please complete the biographical information which follows, not exceeding the one page.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Youth Scouting tenure: to

Adult Scouting tenure: to

Youth affiliation with Scouting:

MAJOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED SCOUTING POSITIONS

	Position	From	To
NATIONAL:			
COUNCIL SERVICE TERRITORY (including past Area/ Region service):			
COUNCIL:			

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 no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches.
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 renominated in full pursuant to these instructions.
10. **Nomination forms along with no more than two recommendation letters must be submitted together electronically with this form to the National Service Center at 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, no larger than 4" x 6").**

Submit nomination forms and supporting documents to:

awards@scouting.org

RULES AND REGULATIONS of SCOUTING AMERICA

Article VII1
Silver Buffalo Award

Scouting 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 Scouting America.
(c) As evidence of the award there will be presented: a suitable certificate, descriptive of the services rendered, duly authenticated by Scouting 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 will be made at the meeting of the National Council or at a major function of Scouting America, pursuant to the action of the Executive Board, which action is to be based upon the recommendation to the Executive Board by the National Court of Honor, or by recommendations to the Executive Board by the National Chair and the Chief Executive Officer.