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# The Woods Services Award

In memory of Luther W. Lord

May 9, 1918 – March 5, 1976



Woods Services is a private, non-profit organization in Langhorne, Pa., that is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Founded in 1913 as the Woods Schools, it is an advocacy and service organization for people with exceptional challenges, disabilities, and complex needs. Woods Services has two simple goals – to advance the quality of life and standard of care for individuals with disabilities. Since its founding, Woods Services has been recognized as one of the most respected and comprehensive programs of its kind. Woods Services has broadened its mission to serve people of all ages and levels of care with a unique model that drives greater achievement for individuals – and best practices for the industry. Today, it is one of five affiliate organizations that comprise Woods, a premier health and human services enterprise dedicated to excellence and innovation in its system of services. Other affiliate programs include: Brian's House in Chester County, Pa., Allies, Inc. and Archway Programs in New Jersey, and Tabor Services in southeastern Pennsylvania.

The Woods Services Award was created in 1978 in the memory of Luther Wellington Lord, who served as a residential supervisor for more than 23 years at the Woods Schools. During his years of service, he founded and coordinated the BSA program at the Schools, and it was under his supervision that the first national Eagle Scout Award for an individual with disabilities was achieved.

Luther Lord was an active member of the National Advisory Committee on Scouting for the Handicapped (the predecessor to the National Special Needs and Disabilities Awareness Committee), and served as the course director for national workshops at Philmont Scout Ranch and Schiff Scout Reservation and for numerous area and local courses.

The Boy Scouts of America may present this prestigious award to one adult each year for his/her exceptional service to Scouts with disabilities.

## Instructions and Additional Information

1. This nomination form should be sent to the National Special Needs and Disabilities Awareness Committee, [SpecialNeedsChair@Scouting.org](mailto:SpecialNeedsChair@Scouting.org), by February 28, to be considered for the year's selection. One nomination per council per year may be submitted.
2. A nominee shall
  - a. Be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and have three or more years of service in any Scouting capacity related to Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers and/or Sea Scouts with disabilities.
  - b. Have done all Scouting activities related to Scouts with disabilities on a strictly volunteer basis.
3. The nomination form must be approved and signed by the nominee's Scout Executive.
4. One national award is granted each year.
5. The award will be available for presentation by May 1 of each year. It is to be presented at a suitable national or regional meeting, with consideration given to the recipient's availability.
6. The award, a handsome, engraved plaque, is provided each year by Woods Services in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. The recipient may wear the Community Organization Award square knot.



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# Council Nomination Form for The Woods Services Award

Boy Scouts of America  
Woods Services Award  
[SpecialNeedsChair@Scouting.org](mailto:SpecialNeedsChair@Scouting.org)



Nomination for year \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ Council, No. \_\_\_\_\_, takes pleasure in submitting this nomination for the Woods Services Award for exceptional service and leadership by an adult in the field of Scouts with disabilities, to be presented in memory of Luther W. Lord.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City State Zip

Address (business) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City State Zip

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing nomination for the council \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City State Zip

Current council position \_\_\_\_\_

Council name

Scout Executive approval

Local councils must email mail this application to [SpecialNeedsChair@Scouting.org](mailto:SpecialNeedsChair@Scouting.org) before February 28 for nominee to be considered.



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## Criteria



**1. History.** Provide a brief profile of the adult applicant's service to BSA members with disabilities. List only Scouting positions held that positively affected youths with disabilities.

If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: *1. History of Service to Scouts With Disabilities (continued).*

	Position	Dates of Service	No. of Youths With Disabilities Served
Current Position			
Previous Positions*			

\*List previous positions in order, from the most current to the least current.

**2. BSA Recognitions and Awards.** List honors, recognitions, or awards received from the BSA for the nominee's service to BSA members with disabilities.

If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: *2. BSA Recognitions and Awards (continued).*

Level (Unit, district, council)	Name of Recognition or Award	Year

**3. Non-Scouting Recognitions.** List any honors, recognitions, or awards received from other local, state, or national organizations for the nominee’s **service to people with disabilities**.

If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: *3. Non-Scouting Recognitions and Awards (continued)*.

Level (Local, state, national)	Organization	Name of Recognition or Award	Year

**4. Contributions.** Provide a more detailed explanation of the **most outstanding contributions to BSA members who have disabilities**, and any other data that would have bearing on the nominee’s qualifications for the Woods Services Award. *If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: 4. Contributions (continued)*.

**Please do not send elaborate presentation pieces with attachments.**



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