

# SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931. The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth.

The Silver Beaver Award is the council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, many years of service, and have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

## Some important things to think about when submitting a Silver Beaver nomination:

- Be sure it accurately reflects all the Scouting and Community Service, positions they have held, etc. The more worthwhile information you can give regarding a candidate, the better.
- The registrar can help you with information on the candidate by pulling a report that lists their Scouting History.
- Make sure to submit by the deadline. **Late submissions are not accepted.**

## Helpful Hints

“The Narrative” description of noteworthy service should provide specific examples and details about why you feel the nominee is worthy of consideration for the Silver Beaver award. Do not use this area to relist all positions held. Describe what they have done in their different Scouting positions and community service.

Multiple nominations are only helpful to the committee if the description of service provides different information. For example, a Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and District Chair could each provide very different perspectives and examples of service of a nominee. Photocopies of identical nominations signed by different people do not give the nominee a better chance of getting an award. Joint nominations are encouraged, and you can list all contributors.

## How to Write a *VIABLE* Silver Beaver Nomination

### Getting started

- Identify Nominee(s)
- Read the instructions on the nomination form
- Any volunteer can be nominated
  - Average candidate tenure is 10 years or longer (according to USSCOOTS.ORG)
  - This award is not intended for professionals
  - Start early – **DO NOT MISS DEADLINES**
- Plan to address all three areas in the nomination
  - Noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth
  - Record of Service in the BSA
  - Standing in the community **exclusive of Scouting**
  - Feel free to attach extra pages to get all the relevant information included!

### Where to get information

- District Records (if kept)
- Write-ups for previous awards
- Nominee's family (spouse, scout son)
- Employer or co-workers
- Church, Synagogue, Mosque, etc.
- Other Scouters that know the nominee

### What to include

- Positions held including period of service and unit and/or district or council
- Significant training completed
- Awards and recognitions
- Leadership roles in scouting events/activities
- Cover letters

### After submission

- Nomination is date stamped to mark receipt
- Nominations are placed on file for review
- Nominations are summarized
- Committee meets to review the nominations

### Final tips

- **Read the Instructions!**
- Cover all three areas
- Be concise
- Emphasize points you want to appear in the summary
- Add extra pages to get all the relevant information included
- Start early – **submit on time**