

Silver Beaver Nomination Season

February 4, 2020

Fellow Scouters,

It is once again time to recognize our outstanding scout leaders in the Council. We are asking that you think about the names of those that are working on a unit , district, council, or national level that you feel have made an extraordinary effort to make the program better for our Youth. This individual would exemplify a scouter and their willingness to serve those around them.

If you know someone of this caliber, please submit their name via the Silver Beaver nomination form. We encourage you to have a solid write up for the person that you nominate. We are going to have information on the website to give ideas of such information you might want to include. We want the individuals that you submit to have the best possible picture of their accomplishments and scouting awards, scouting positions, community service, and all other ways that they serve the scouting program and their community, simple putting this person is a great scouter is not going to make the Silver Beaver Selections.

The Opening for our Nominations will begin immediately.

The Deadline for submitting your nomination is March 31, 2020. The email address to submit it to is:

margosilverbeaver@sbcglobal.net

You may also submit to the Scout Office at Golden Burke. If you need to bring a completed form to the Golden Burke office, Please submit Attention John Pelletier. The preferred method is to submit electronically to the above email, I will confirm receipt of your nomination.

We thank all the volunteers of our council for the many tireless hours of service that they provide to the scouts and to their communities. The work that you do does not go unnoticed.

The example that you set for these Scouts will teach them the importance of being active in their scouting units, communities, and churches, to be outstanding citizens of their country.

We the Silver Beaver Selection Committee look forward to reading about our Nominees for the 2020 Class of Silver Beavers.

Sincerely,

Margo Brandenburg- Silver Beaver Committee Chair
The Silver Beaver Selection Committee

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.

Nominations for the 2020 class of Silver Beaver recipients are now being accepted. For more information regarding the Silver Beaver award nomination, contact Silver Beaver Selection Committee Chair, Chuck Fippen by email at cfippen@firsttib.com **Nominations are due March 31st, 2020**

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

- Be sure it accurately reflects all of the Scouting and Community Service, positions they have held, etc. The more worthwhile information you can give regarding a candidate, the better.
- The registrars can help give you information on the candidate by pulling a report that lists their Scouting History.
- Make sure to submit by the deadline of March 31st, 2020.

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**

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Helpful Hints:

The 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. (Narrative/Page 2). 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. Photo copies 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.

YIS,

Margo Brandenburg

Crossroads of America Council, Silver Beaver Selection Committee Chair

