

<b>GUIDELINES &amp; PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING THE SILVER BEAVER NOMINATION FORM</b>
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The Silver Beaver is the highest national award a local council can give to an adult Scouter. It is given in recognition of outstanding and distinguished service to youth and the community. The following guidelines have been developed for your use by the Council Silver Beaver Selection Committee.

1. Any registered Scouter may submit a nomination and all nominations must be completed by typewriter, computer, or neatly printed on the attached "Silver Beaver Nomination Form". **The committee will not consider any additional submissions, attachments, or letters of reference.** All information must be on the application. If the individual has done more than space allows, include the most pertinent information. When completing the application, *please list an item only once, rather than in multiple places or under different titles.* It is not advisable for a family member to submit an application for another family member. The applicant cannot nominate them self.
2. The council will accept Silver Beaver nomination forms between March 1 and June 1 each year, to be considered for that year's selection. Nomination forms received before **March 1** or after **June 2** will be returned to the individual submitting it.
3. Nominations are to be made without the knowledge of the candidate. Persons who promote themselves for the award or submit a personal application are automatically disqualified from consideration.
4. There is no advantage to having more than one nomination submitted on an individual. "Mounting a Campaign" does not improve an individual's chances of receiving the award. It is more important that the application is complete and accurate.
5. Nominations are not carried over from year to year. If a candidate does not receive the award, an updated nomination form must be resubmitted during the nomination period of the following year.
6. **Business and Professional Association Leadership** - does not refer to the positions the candidate has held in earning his living, but it refers to *leadership* roles in trade, professional or business associations.
7. **Religious Service** - relates to the *leadership* service rendered to one's house of worship, through its governing board, other internal organizations or special campaigns. **Being a "regular member" or "attendee" does not denote service rendered.**
8. **Community Service** - relates to the candidate's *leadership* activity with a service club, Red Cross, and/or any other meaningful community effort. Community service to youth also relates to leadership in such non-Boy Scout programs such as YMCA, Girl Scouts, Boy's and Girl's Club, Little League, etc.
9. **Adult Scouter Record** - *relates to positions of leadership* in which the candidate has served as an adult Scouter. It is generally understood (although not required) that recipients would have been involved in a *meaningful* way in Scouting for approximately ten years. Leadership positions at the council level are encouraged.
10. **Record of Noteworthy Performance** - List specific facts, for example -- Produced 20 Eagles, attended summer camp as a leader for 15 years, conducted over 30 training courses, raised X dollars for Y years for council budget, organized over 20 new units, etc.
11. **Recognitions or Awards Received** - List all awards or recognitions made to the candidate during his adult Scouting career, such as the District Award of Merit, Scouter's Key, Wood Badge beads, other training or religious awards, Order of the Arrow, Sagamores, etc. Although a youth award, this is the section where the Eagle Award should be noted. **Do not list awards outside of Scouting in this section.**