

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award



An Award by

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution

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Background

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is the name for a new award for scouters of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award acknowledges the service of the recipient to Scouting and is awarded by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The BSA has agreed to recognize the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award by including it among similar awards that are recognized by its Community Organization Award. The proceeds from the sale of award program elements support the SAR's Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund.

The award consists of a medal with ribbon, miniature medal, a certificate and a BSA COA square knot.

The Community Organization Award

The *Community Organization Award* (COA) is presented by seven national community organizations that charter units with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The COA honors those who, through their dedication and work, further the BSA's Scouting program—whether by helping charter Scouting units, serving as volunteers in the development of those units, and/or furthering Scouting through leadership in and support of youth outreach in their respective organization.

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

Eligibility

The award will be presented to a member of the SAR in good standing who is currently active in a scout unit, district, or council or a member that has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program. Work accomplishment and dedication rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, will be the criteria for this award.

Criteria

When selecting their candidate, chapters would be asked to consider members who:

- Have brought Scouting to more youth.
- Have assisted local chapters in forming Scouting units.
- Have promoted or assisted in the Eagle Scout competition program
- Are fully trained in the skills of Scouting and are outstanding role models.
- Have contributed significantly to the SAR and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.
- Have offered Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed, or income level, and has been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in inner-city or other low-income communities.
- Have exemplified the Scout Law and SAR virtues.
- Have recruited Scouting volunteers.

Nomination Process

Like the Eagle Scout scholarships, candidates must have the recommendation of their local chapter to be eligible. The nominee must be recommended by a current member of the SAR.

- The recommender must complete the Official Nomination Form (Form) and submit an attached page explaining the candidate's qualification for the award.
- The recommender is to have the form approved by the local SAR and local Scouters as being supportive of Scouting.
- The recommender should then have the Form reviewed by the President of the candidate's chapter. If found to be qualified, the Form will be authorized and forwarded to the chapter's state society. The state society will then forward the Form to the chairman of the national society Eagle Scout Committee.
- The national society committee will, on an annual basis, forward the information on awardees to the Boy Scouts of America, Relationships Division, Irving, TX as an official record of the recipients.
- The award will be presented at an appropriate ceremony of either the SAR or the Boy Scouts.

Finance

The \$20 application fees for the award goes to pay for the cost of the award and this expense will have to be born by the person or group that recommends the person for the award.

The award will be administered through the existing NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee.

Medal



Reference Materials

BSA FactSheet - The Community Organization Award

The concept of the Community Organization Award is similar to the adult religious recognition program in that the award itself and the criteria for granting the award are under the ownership and auspices of the particular national chartered organization which presents the award. The intent of the national Uniform and Insignia Committee is to provide a square knot for Scouters who have received a BSA-accepted and -authorized award from a national community organization.

<http://www.scouting.org/factsheets/02-582.html>

Honoring 'A Scouter's Scouter'

The Community Organization Award, presented by seven BSA national chartered organizations, recognizes an individual's outstanding service to Scouting.

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0501/a-honr.html>

American Legion Scouting Square Knot Award

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. Its purpose is to recognize dedication and work by the member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.

http://www.legion.org/?section=prog_evt&subsection=evt_scouting&content=evt_square_knot

The Marvin M. Lewis Award

The Boy Scouts of America established the Marvin M. Lewis Award in 1998 in recognition of the Elks' significant contributions to Scouting and the development of America's youth.

<http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/youth/marvinlewis.cfm>

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

Many Freemasons nationwide have been of great service to the Boy Scouts of America by supporting the development of Scouting units, serving as volunteers, and assisting their Masonic lodges in forming and sponsoring Scout units. The relationship between individual Masons and Scouting, which has existed since the founding of Scouting in America, has resulted in immeasurable benefits for both Freemasonry and Scouting.

<http://www.pagrandlodge.org/pyf/pgm/scouter/index.html>

Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G. Horton Service to Youth Award

In recognition of a Brother of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity who has made contributions to America's future as participating citizens through the principles of Scouting and the Scout Oath and Laws. Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity has established the Alpha Phi Omega Herbert G Horton - Service to Youth Award. It

recognizes Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity, who are in good standing that have made significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

http://www.apo.org/download/chap_bulletins/chapter_bulletin_2005_10.pdf

Rotary International Cliff Dochterman Award

A new award for Rotarians serving Scouting is now available through the IFSR, Inter-American Region. The Award honors former RI President Cliff Dochterman, a devoted scouter from Moraga, California, USA. The Dochterman Award, a bronze medallion hung from a gold and blue ribbon, may be awarded by a local Rotary Club or District Governor to an active Rotarian who has rendered exemplary service to scouting.

http://www.jerseycityrotary.org/ifsr/cliff_dochterman_award.htm

VFW Scouters Achievement Award

This award is designed to recognize *Veterans of Foreign Wars* Scouters who serve on the VFW State and National Scouting teams for a three-year period and who accomplish the required tasks during this period. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any VFW Scouter on the Scouting team who completes the requirements. It is our personal VFW award to recognize dedication and work required by a VFW team member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in the VFW.

<http://www.usscouts.org/awards/VFW.htm>

APPLICATION FOR THE

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



INSTRUCTIONS

The **Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award** is a national recognition approved by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It may be presented to any member of the SAR in good standing who is currently active in a scout unit, district, or council or a member that has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program.

The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no rule that a quota must be used every year. No honorary recognitions should be made. The purpose of this award is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to youth through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

GUIDE FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

The following are some award qualifications. An individual who possesses a combination of these would meet the requirements for this recognition. These are offered as a guide only. However, they are indicative of what the Selection Committee should be seeking. This list is not inclusive as there are many other areas that could be considered. The candidate:

- A. Has notably served in bringing Scouting to more youth.
- B. Has assisted local SAR societies in forming Scouting units to be operated by local SAR societies and other groups.
- C. Is active in promoting and expanding the use of the American Heritage, Genealogy and Law merit badges.
- D. Has recruited youth to earn the American Heritage, Genealogy and Law merit badges and merit badge counselors to assist them.
- E. Is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and outstanding in the areas of responsibility, humility, and setting a good example.
- F. Has made a significant contribution to the Sons of the American Revolution and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.
- G. Has led in offering Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed, or income level, and has been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in the inner city or other low-income community.
- H. Has participated in promoting the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program at the chapter, state, or national level.

NOTE: Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, should be the criteria for receiving this award.

The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c) 3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend

- the institutions of American freedom
- an appreciation for true patriotism
- a respect for our national symbols
- the value of American citizenship
- the unifying force of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.



CANDIDATE

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Local Chapter _____ State Society _____
Position held in
Scouting _____
BSA local council _____

LOCAL CHAPTER RECOMENDATION

On this date, _____, the candidate was considered worthy of receiving the **Robert E. Burt NSSAR Boy Scout Volunteer Award** and is hereby recommended.

Signed _____
Chapter President

AFFIX SEAL Chapter _____
Local chapter mailing address _____
Telephone no. _____

BSA LOCAL COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

I concur with the above recommendation and certify that the candidate is supportive of Scouting.

Council Name _____ No. _____
Date _____
AFFIX SEAL Signed _____
Local Scouter

STATE SOCIETY APPROVAL

The Scout Program Committee of _____ certifies that the record of service of the above-named candidate has been reviewed carefully and that this candidate meets the requirements for the **NSSAR Boy Scout Volunteer Award**.

Date _____
Signed _____
Scout Program Committee chairman

AFFIX SEAL Date _____
Signed _____
State President

RECORD OF CANDIDATE

(Give pertinent facts: dates, offices held, etc. If more space is needed, please add extra sheets.)

A. IN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

B. IN LOCAL SOCIETY, STATE, OR NATIONAL SOCIETY SAR

C. IN OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (activities in civic, religious, labor, educational, fraternal, and other fields)

Recommended by

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Remarks _____

	National Society Approval	State Society Notification
Signature	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____

Make checks payable to **NSSAR Treasurer General**. (Please indicate Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund)

In order to avoid delay, the state society presenting the award should check for completion before forwarding their recipient's application to the national chairman
Return completed application to

Charlie A. Newcomer, Chairman
NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee
1601 Spartan Lane
Athens, GA 30606

Please ship award to

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Approximate date of presentation:

