

Scout of the Year



Scout Of The Year Award:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will recognize two individuals: Eagle Scouts, Venture Silver Award recipients or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank with a \$5,000 1st place scholarship, a \$3,000 2nd place and a \$1,000 3rd place scholarship. Candidates must be exceptional in all six of the critical elements of healthy youth development as defined by The Louis Harris & Associates, Inc. Study of Scouting. These elements are outlined on the judges score sheet. To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award or Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached his or her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Have submitted a complete entry form to a VFW Post in his or her community.

Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A sponsoring Post can be located by contacting the respective VFW Department (state) Headquarters as listed on the VFW web site: www.vfw.org.

March 1 — Deadline for entry to the Post.

April 1 — Deadline for submission to Department scouting team member from Post.

May 1 — Deadline for submission to national organization from Department scouting team member.

Candidate entry forms are available from your department scouting team member or by calling **816-756-3390, ext. 220**.

The following documentation should be attached to the candidate's entry form:

High School Participation Record — a single page, one side resume of the candidate's high school activities listing offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.

Scouting Record — maximum of three pages, one side only listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts to include years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Silver or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Venture or Quartermaster Project.

Community Service Record — a single page, one side resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.

Letters of Recommendation — A maximum of five letters, none exceeding two pages, will be judged. The five letters must include one each from a representative of the school, community and a Scout leader. The two additional letters should be from members of the local community who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities and/or accomplishments.

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Entry Form

ELIGIBILITY

Photograph of Scout In complete uniform for their current rank must be attached to this form. Recommended size 3"x5" (No additional photos)

REQUIREMENTS

The Candidate Must:

- ▶ Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship.
- AND**
- ▶ Has received the Eagle Scout Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- ▶ Has demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community.
- ▶ Has reached his/her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- ▶ Has submitted his/her complete entry to a VFW Post in his/her community.

Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. And a scout can only enter through ONE VFW Post.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ▶ A scout can locate a sponsoring VFW Post by contacting their VFW Department (state) Headquarters as listed at: www.vfw.org
- ▶ **Deadline for entry to VFW Post:** March 1.
- ▶ **All candidates with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the Department's (state) National VFW Scouting Team representative or Department Commander by April 1.**
- ▶ **The single Department winner must be selected and submitted by their National Scouting Team member to the National VFW organization by May 1.**

(VFW Scouting Team member listed below)

Name _____

Telephone _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City)

(State) (Zip)

DOB: _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
(Day/Mo./Yr.)

Home Phone No.: () _____

Scout Troop Number _____

**MUST SUBMIT APPLICATION
DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST
IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**

**SPONSORING
VFW POST**

(Name of Post)

(Post Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Post Commander's Name)

Department Certification

(Must be completed by Dept VFW National Scouting Team Member or Dept. Commander)

Department: _____

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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Application Instructions

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SCOUT OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE:

Section A – HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION RECORD

Please submit a resume of your High School Activities (9th-12th) to include a listing of offices held, honors received and significance of your participation in these activities. *The resume of these activities should be contained on one 8 1/2 X 11 inch page. The screening committee at all levels will only consider the information contained on this one page (one side only).*

Section B – ENTIRE SCOUTING RECORD

List your complete scouting record from Cub Scouts on up, to include years of participation, Unit Numbers and Sponsors. Include information on when your Eagle Award, Silver Award, or Quartermaster was received and Palms. Make sure you include any leadership positions held at all levels; list other Scouting activities you have participated in such as Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc...and succinctly describe your Eagle, Venture, or Quartermaster Project. *The resume of these activities should be contained on three 8 1/2 X 11 inch pages. The screening committee at all levels will only consider information on these three pages (front side of each sheet only).*

Section C – COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD

Use one page to list community service and religious organizations you have participated in (excluding high school and scouting) and the activities that you were involved with as a part of these organizations. Note any leadership positions held and any accolades received. *The resume of these activities should be contained on one 8 1/2 X 11 inch page. The screening committee at all levels will only consider the information contained on this one page (one side only).*

Section D – LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The screening committee will carefully review the letters submitted. Only five (5) letters will be allowed. One letter each from your school, community, and scout leader must be submitted. Two additional letters are allowed from other individuals within your community who may have a special knowledge of your abilities and/or accomplishments. *The screening committee will only consider five (5) letters at most. (Note: Letters should not exceed 2 pages.)*

- *Please be sure to use only this form when applying. Any other form or format will not be accepted into the competition.*
- *Please follow the procedures and requirements as written, to ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible. (Note: All typewritten entries must be legible and easily read.)*
- *Do not send completed application directly to VFW National Headquarters; all applications must be submitted to a VFW Post for initial consideration. The VFW Post will then submit to the Department for consideration as the Department winner.*

AUTHORIZATION

SCOUT CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the national winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SCOUT SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

SCOUTMASTER OR VENTURE CREW ADVISOR CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout is an active member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SCOUTMASTER OR ADVISOR SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the national winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FATHER, MOTHER OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____