SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program



WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States recognizes individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

AMIELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline. A Scout may enter through only <u>one</u> VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at **vfw.org/FindaPost**.

WHATARETHE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is **March 1**.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by <u>April 1</u>. The VFW Department Scouting Chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by <u>May 1</u>.

Questions should be directed to 816.756.3390, ext. 6787 during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to <u>scouting@vfw.org.</u>

Official Entry Form

PARENT'S CONSENT

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

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MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT and submitted directly to a VFW post in your community.

Name: First, M.I., Last	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
() Home Phone	Email
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Scout Troop Number
the winner, I will make mys	TIFICATION oing information is accurate and if I am self available to receive the award at a signated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Scout/Venture Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
of our unit or was when the	FICATION named Scout/Venture is an active membe award was received and the information curate to the best of my knowledge.
Unit Leader's Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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 winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend

a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Date (mm/dd/vvvv)



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VFW DEPARTMENT

SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

PHONE:
SPONSORING VFW POST
POST NUMBER:
ADDRESS:
POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE:

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION

IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW

DEPARTMENT SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT#:

DISTRICT CDR.:

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPARTMENT VFW SCOUTING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER	
DEPARTMENT:	
SUBMITTED BY:	
SIGNATURE:	

WHATDOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- Photograph of the Scout must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- School Participation Record a single page, one-sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, 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 or Brownies years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit
 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, Girl Scout Gold
 Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- Community Service Record a single page, one-sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- Letters of Recommendation Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - · A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- Completed Entry Form submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at vfw.org/FindaPost.

WHO MAKES UPTHEVFWS COUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department Commander, they are responsible for promoting scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816.756.3390, ext 6787, or email scouting@vfw.org

