

Recommendation for Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Award

Upon consideration of the evidence submitted from all sources, as set forth in this application, we respectfully recommend that the National Court of Honor grant the award checked below. **Note: If the action being considered is deserving of merit but does not qualify for a national award, do not submit this form. The Local Council Certificate of Merit, No. 606760, is suitable for this purpose.**

Instructions

1. This application must be used.
2. Provide the full name of applicant to be honored, exactly as it should appear on the certificate if the award is granted.
3. Provide as much information as necessary using the space provided on this form. **No additional documents should be attached.**
4. All recognitions are reserved for members who were registered at the time of the action.
5. Lifesaving actions or meritorious actions performed as part of the duty of a trained lifesaver—i.e., doctor, nurse, lifeguard, first responder—will not be considered.
6. Boy Scouts of America employees are not eligible.
7. **No case should be forwarded to the council without a signed statement from the applicant and an eyewitness.**
8. **No application may be considered after a lapse of 36 months of the incident.**
9. Separate applications are required if more than one member is being recognized for recognition.
10. The council committee must investigate the case, interview the principals and witnesses, secure necessary signed statements, and make a recommendation based upon full knowledge of the facts. It is recommended that this committee meet within 30 days of the receipt of the recommendation.
11. The council committee bears the responsibility to write a summary of the event and complete the application in detail that pertains to the case.
12. **Upon approval of the council committee and Scout executive, the council will submit this application electronically to awards@scouting.org.**

Please select the level in which you are nominating for:

LIFESAVING AWARDS (See clause 1.)

These awards recognize the attempt to a save life and an accompanying measure of risk to self.



Honor Medal With Crossed Palms. The individual has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save a human life at extreme risk to self. **“Extreme risk” shall mean of greatest severity to one’s self.**



Honor Medal. The individual has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save a human life **at some risk to self.**

MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARDS (See clause 2.)

These awards recognize notable acts of service that need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals.



Medal of Merit. The individual has performed an act of service of *rare or exceptional character* that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.



National Certificate of Merit. The individual has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special recognition.

Applicant Information

Name _____

Age at time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Parent's name _____ Phone No. _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

The candidate is registered as a

- Tiger Cub
- Cub Scout
- Webelos Scout
- Boy Scout
- Varsity Scout
- Venturer
- Adult

in

- Pack _____
- Troop _____
- Team _____
- Crew _____
- Ship _____

Rank at time of action _____ If an adult, indicate present office in Scouting _____

Rescued Person Information

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Age at time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Name and location of place where action occurred _____

Date of incident _____ Time of incident _____

Summary of the Action

A short summary describing the incident or action is required based on the council committee's study of all aspects of the case and on interviews with the principals and witnesses.

For First-Aid Cases

Explain how first aid was administered by this currently registered youth or adult member instrumental in saving a life, if any.

What Scout first-aid skills were used? (CPR, control of bleeding, choking emergency, etc.)

Explain the circumstances such as his/her cool headedness? _____

Was he/she assisted? _____ If so, by whom and how much? _____

Did the assisted person survive? _____ If survived, give details of the method used. _____

Was the Scout training employed in the rescue and resuscitation? _____ Give details _____

For Rescue From Fire

Dimensions of the room or rooms involved in the rescue _____

What was the location of the fire at the time of the rescue? _____

Where was the rescued person when reached by the rescuer? _____

How far did the rescuer have to go to reach the rescued? _____

Did the rescued person or persons have to be transported to safety? _____

Did dense smoke impede the rescue? _____ Did the rescuer know the building layout? _____

Describe in detail the danger to the rescuer at the time of the rescue. _____

Did the assisted person survive? _____ If survived, give details of the method used. _____

Was Scout training employed in the rescue and resuscitation? _____ Give details _____

For Ice Rescue

Thickness of ice at and near the point of rescue _____

Depth of water at and near the point of rescue _____

Manner in which the rescuer moved over ice _____

Distance traveled by the rescuer

a) From shore to breakthrough _____

b) Over dangerous ice _____

Location of ladders, rope, planks, etc., if any, and use made of them _____

Did ice break under the rescuer? _____ If so, at what point and in what depth of water? _____

Did the rescuer fall in? _____ If so, how did the rescuer get out? _____

Did the assisted person survive? _____ If survived, give details of the method used. _____

Was Scout training employed in the rescue and resuscitation? _____ Give details _____

Is the rescuer regarded as a good, fair, or poor swimmer? _____

For Water Rescue

General weather and water condition, including the approximate temperature _____
(Storm, high seas, fair, calm, cold, etc.)

Lake, river, or ocean? _____ Name of lake, river, or ocean _____

Condition of bottom (weeds, snags, rocks, sand, mud) _____

Still or running water? _____ If running, speed of current? _____

Were others in addition to the rescuer on the scene when the accident occurred? _____

Was the rescuer assisted in rescue? _____ If so, by whom? _____

Did anyone else attempt the rescue and fail? _____ If so, by whom? _____

Was the rescue made by use of boat, buoy, or other equipment, or was it a swimming rescue? _____

If by swimming, was the boat or other equipment that could have been used at and? _____

If a swimming rescue, how far did the rescuer swim in order to reach person assisted? _____

Depth of water at point where rescue was made _____

How far was it necessary to tow the person assisted in order to stand up or reach safety? _____

What clothes was the rescuer wearing at the time of the rescue? _____

How was the assisted person clothed? _____

Was the person unconscious when rescued? _____

Did the assisted person struggle or grasp the rescuer while being aided? _____

If so, did it result from bad judgment or a careless approach? _____

Was it necessary to go underwater to find the person assisted? _____ How many times? _____ At what depth? _____

Did the assisted person survive? _____ If survived, give details of the method used. _____

Was Scout training employed in the rescue and resuscitation? _____ Give details _____

Is the rescuer regarded as a good, fair, or poor swimmer? _____

Miscellaneous Cases

In cases that cannot be covered under any of the sections, give as much data and as many details as possible to help the National Court of Honor to evaluate the case, paying particular attention to the use of Scout training.

Applicant's Statement Recommended for Recognition

A personally prepared and signed statement by person performing action describing the incident is required.

Date _____

Email _____

(Signature)

(Printed name)

Rescued Person's Statement (optional)

Date _____

Email _____

(Signature)

(Printed name)

Witness Statement

A personally prepared and signed statement by each witness, describing the action as he or she recalls the details is required. Include name, address, and phone number of each witness.

Date _____

(Signature) (Printed name)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Second Witness Statement, if any

A personally prepared and signed statement by each witness, describing the action as he or she recalls the details is required. Include name, address, and phone number of each witness.

Date _____

(Signature) (Printed name)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
of the
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

Article X, Section 5, Clause 1
Lifesaving Awards

Clause 1. Lifesaving Awards. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader of the Boy Scouts of America where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that he or she saved or attempted to save life under circumstances which indicate heroism and risk to self. The court will give consideration to resourcefulness and to demonstrated skill in rescue methods. In no case shall recognition be given where it appears that the risk involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation because of responsibility to supervise and give leadership to the persons whose lives were saved. The awards are:

- a) **Honor Medal With Crossed Palms.** The Honor Medal With Crossed Palms may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self.
- b) **Honor Medal.** The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self.

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Article X, Section 5, Clauses 2 and 3
Meritorious Action Awards

Clause 2. Meritorious Action Awards. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that a significant or outstanding act of service, of an exceptional character, was performed. The action taken need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but must put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals. Recognition shall not be given where it appears that the action involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation. The awards are:

- a) **Medal of Merit.** The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed an act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well being of others.
- b) **National Certificate of Merit.** The National Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition.

Clause 3. All applications should be submitted to the National Court of Honor through a local council upon duly prescribed forms, and it shall be within the discretion of the National Court of Honor to determine which type of recognition, if any, shall be given. Recipients of these awards must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America at the time the action was performed. Awards are made in the name of the Boy Scouts of America.

Council's Nomination Information

The _____ Council, BSA, proudly approves _____
(Name of candidate)

to receive the _____. We attest that this candidate was a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America at the time of the action described herein, and that the procedures outlined on this form have been followed.

Council chair's printed name Council chair's signature Date

Scout executive's printed name Scout executive's signature Date

We plan to present the award on _____
Date

Council name _____ Council No. _____

Contact name _____ Phone No. _____ Email _____