

The Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, awards the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth at the Council level. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver Award is given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

The Silver Beaver nomination form is available by going to <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>. The nomination form and supporting information packet for the Silver Beaver Award should be placed in a sealed envelope with "Silver Beaver Nomination" on the outside and either delivered or mailed to the Greater Yosemite Council, Attn: Dan Wilson at 4031 Technology Drive, Modesto, CA 95356.

All nominations MUST be received at the GYC by January 15, 2024.

How to Write a *VIABLE* Silver Beaver Nomination

GETTING STARTED

- Identify Nominee(s)
- Read the instructions on the nomination form [Silver Beaver Nomination Form](#)
- Any volunteer can be nominated
 - This award is not intended for professionals
 - Start early – **DO NOT MISS DEADLINES** (January 15, 2024)
- Address **all areas** on the nomination form
 - Record of Service in the BSA
 - Training Courses
 - Scouting Recognition
 - Noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth outside of Scouting
 - Standing in the community exclusive of Scouting
 - Note: Feel free to attach extra pages to get all the relevant information included!

WHERE TO GET INFORMATION

- District/Council Records
- Write-ups for previous awards
- Nominee's family
- Employer or co-workers
- Other Scouters who know the nominee
- Church, Synagogue, Mosque, etc.

WHAT TO INCLUDE

- Positions held including period of service and unit and/or district or council
- Significant training completed
- Awards and recognitions
- Leadership in scouting events & activities outside of scouting
- Cover letters

AFTER SUBMISSION

- Nomination is received and forwarded to Silver Beaver Selection Committee Chair
- The Selection Committee meets to review nominations and select Silver Beaver Awardees
- Silver Beaver recipients are contacted
- Reception is scheduled to take pictures and update recipient information

FINAL TIPS

- **Read the Instructions!**
- Cover all areas on the nomination form
- Be concise
- Emphasize points you want to appear in the summary
- Add extra pages to get all the relevant information included
- Attempt to get examples of other nominations that were successful
- **Submit on time!**

Questions or comments? Please contact Dan Wilson, Silver Beaver Selection Committee Chair at dcaddman@comcast.net.