

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S  
SCOUTMASTER AWARD OF MERIT**

**Background**

Shortly after the National Eagle Scout Association was established in 1972, it began to make available a NESA Scoutmaster Award. The award was presented to one Scoutmaster per BSA area each year. These Scoutmasters' records demonstrated proper use of Boy Scout advancement, and a significant number of their Boy Scouts attained the Eagle Scout rank. This award was discontinued on December 31, 1987.

The president of the Boy Scouts of America requested that NESA convert its award into a Scoutmaster Award of Merit that could be earned by all Scoutmasters. His rationale was that there is a need for recognizing Scoutmasters relatively early in their work in that position, before they qualify for the Scouter's Key.

**Requirements**

The nominee need not be an Eagle Scout but must:

1. Be a currently registered Scoutmaster who has served in that position for at least 18 months
2. Have achieved the Quality Unit Award at least once during the period of service
3. Have completed Boy Scout Leader Fast Start and Scoutmastership Fundamentals or equivalent
4. Have a record of proper use of the Boy Scout advancement program, resulting in a majority of Boy Scouts in the troop attaining the First Class rank
5. Have a record of:
  - Development of boy leadership through the patrol method
  - Positive relations with the troop's chartered organization
  - An extensive outdoor program including strong summer camp attendance
  - A positive image of Scouting in the community
  - A troop operation that attracts and retains Boy Scouts
6. This award may also be earned by Varsity Scout Coaches.

**Procedure**

The chairman of the troop committee has the responsibility of nominating the Scoutmaster on behalf of the patrol leaders' council and the troop committee.

The nomination is certified by the unit commissioner and forwarded to the local council service center.

Approval authority lies with the Scout executive and either the council NESA chairman or the council commissioner.

The Scout executive will forward the nomination to the director of the National Eagle Scout Association at the national office. The nomination should be approved by the Scout executive and either the council NESA chairman or the council commissioner.

**Award**

A full-color certificate will be provided by NESA free of charge. A cost of \$1.50 per certificate will be charged for a certificate with the recipient's name laser-printed. Payment should accompany the order.

The National Eagle Scout Association will send the certificates to the Scout executive via pouch mail. A 3-week turnaround should be allowed if the names of recipients are to be hand lettered on the certificates. Those unlettered require a 2-week turnaround time.

A full-color, 6-inch, jacket patch, No. 00147, is available through the Supply Division.

A square knot (white on tan) for the uniform, No. 05001, is available through the Supply Division.

**Presentations**

The award may be presented at an appropriate chartered organization or unit function with acknowledgment at a district or council event or at a district or council recognition event.

# SCOUTMASTER AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION

Submit to your local council service center.

Nominee's name as it is to appear on certificate

Address

City State ZIP

Inclusive dates of service as Scoutmaster (include month and year)

The nominee is a currently registered Scoutmaster with troop no. ,  
with a commission that expires on , 19 .

Date(s) troop received Quality Unit Award

Date nominee completed Boy Scout Leader Fast Start training

Date nominee completed Scoutmastership Fundamentals training (or equivalent)

Attach the following:

- A list of Boy Scouts who became First Class Scouts during the nominee's tenure as a Scoutmaster
- A statement by the senior patrol leader on behalf of the patrol leaders' council and the troop committee chairman attesting to the nominee's performance as Scoutmaster. (This statement[s] is certified by the senior patrol leader and troop committee chairman.)

Nominated by Troop committee chairman Certified by Unit/district commissioner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Scout executive and Council NESA chairman or council commissioner

