

## **ECC Southern District Adult Recognition Awards Program**

### **2025 Award Submission Guidance**

This awards package is established as a guideline for submitting nominations of deserving adult Scouters for District and Council level awards. All nominations received will be voted on by the District Award Committee. Scouters who are nominated for one award **may** be considered for another award. Units are encouraged to follow the established guidelines found in the enclosures. Nominations received that do not conform to the stated guidelines will not be considered. All nominations will be forwarded to **Hugh Farrell, Southern District Advancement Committee Chair**, no later than **December 19, 2025** for submission to the awards committee. Nominations received after that date may not be considered. Please email your nominations to "**[eccsoutherndistrictawards@gmail.com](mailto:eccsoutherndistrictawards@gmail.com)**". Please put in the subject line of your email: **Southern District Awards Submission 2025**

If you do not receive a reply that your submission has been received within 48 hours, please follow up with a text or phone call to **252-665-3885**.

The District Committee will announce the list of **nominees by Units** in all awards prior to the banquet. The winner of each award will be announced at the banquet.

### **PROGRAM SPECIFIC AWARDS:**

***Leader of the Year*** awards are an expression of appreciation from the District for exceptional service by Scouters for their service to the Scouts or Explorers of Southern District for the previous year. These awards are not recognized nationally, therefore, there is no insignia for wear if awarded. The unit committee or any registered adult Scouter must submit all nominations in writing, preferably digitally. The nomination shall contain the name of the nominee and statements of qualification as well as any other information that will strengthen the submission for the Scouter that is being considered for recognition. This includes attendance at events (District camps), Roundtables, training, and participation in community service.

***Unit of the Year*** awards are presented to those units that have performed the best overall during the last year. The unit will, at a minimum, have achieved Gold in Journey to Excellence. Other areas of performance should reflect *Growth and Retention, Rank Advancement, An Active Calendar of Events, Leader Training, Family involvement, Service to Community, and Attendance at District and Council Events*.

The following awards are available for your consideration.

### **Cub Scouts**

- Lion Den Leader of the Year
- Tiger Den Leader of the Year
- Wolf Den Leader of the Year
- Bear Den Leader of the Year
- Webelo Den Leader of the Year
- AOL Den Leader of the Year
- Assistant Cubmaster of the Year
- Cubmaster of the Year
- Pack Committee Member of the Year
- Cub Scouter of the Year
- Pack of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from the adult leaders and most importantly from the Cub Scouts themselves for outstanding service to the Cub Scouting program by a unit leader or assistant.

**Requirements:** Nominee must have been a registered Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Member, or Assistant (to any of the previous positions) during the past year and have attended at least 50% of all District and Council level events. Please list the events the nominee has attended.

### **Scouts BSA**

- Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year
- Scoutmaster of the Year
- Troop Committee Member of the Year
- Scouts BSA Scouter of the Year
- Troop of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from the adult leaders and most importantly from the Scouts themselves for outstanding service to the Scouts BSA program by a unit leader or assistant.

**Requirements:** Nominee must have been a registered Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Troop Committee Member during the last year and have attended at least 50% of all District and Council level Scouts BSA events. Please list the events the nominee has attended.

### **Sea Scouts**

- Skipper Mate of the Year
- Skipper of the Year
- Ship Committee Member of the Year
- Ship Leader of the Year
- Ship of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from the adult leaders and most importantly from the Sea Scouts themselves for outstanding service to the Sea Scouts program by a unit leader or assistant.

**Requirements:** Nominee must have been a registered leader during the last year and have attended at least 50% of all District and Council level Sea Scouts events. Please list the events the nominee has attended.

### **Venturing**

- Crew Associate Advisor of the Year
- Crew Advisor of the Year
- Crew Committee Member of the Year
- Crew Leader of the Year
- Crew of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from the adult leaders and most importantly from the Venture Scouts themselves for outstanding service to the Venturing or Exploring program by a unit leader or assistant.

**Requirements:** Nominee must have been a registered leader during the last year and have attended at least 50% of all District and Council level Venturing events. Please list the events the nominee has attended.

### **Exploring**

- Post Associate Advisor of the Year
- Post Advisor of the Year
- Post Committee Member of the Year
- Post Leader of the Year
- Post of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from the adult leaders and most importantly from the Explorer Scouts themselves for outstanding service to the Exploring program by a unit leader or assistant.

**Requirements:** Nominee must have been a registered leader during the last year and have attended at least 50% of all District and Council level Exploring events. Please list the events the nominee has attended.

## **District Awards**

- District Committee Member of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from members of the District Committee for outstanding service to all Scouts serving within the Southern District.

**Requirements:** Service may have been with the Council, District, Troop, Crew, Post, Pack, or another Scouting organization while serving as a member of the Southern District Committee. The award may be presented to any Committee Member who is now serving or has served in that position within the last year.

- Assistant District Commissioner of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from members of the District Committee for outstanding service to multiple Scouts Units serving within the Southern District.

**Requirements:** Service may have been with the Council, District, Troop, Crew, Post, Pack, or another Scouting organization while serving as a member of the Southern District Commissioner Staff. The award may be presented to any Assistant District Commissioner who is now serving or has served in that position within the last year.

- Unit Commissioner of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from members of the District Committee for outstanding service to assigned Scouts Units serving within the Southern District.

**Requirements:** Service may have been with the Council, District, Troop, Crew, Post, Pack, or another Scouting organization while serving as a member of the Southern District Commissioner Staff. The award may be presented to any Unit Commissioner who is now serving or has served in that position within the last year.

- District Scouting Family of the Year

**Purpose:** A symbol of appreciation from members of the District Committee for outstanding service to Scouting in the last year.

**Requirements:** Service may have been with the Council, District, Troop, Crew, Post, Pack, or another Scouting organization while serving as a member of the Southern District Committee. The award may be presented to any family that has been fully engaged in Scouting during the past year. *For example: Mom-Den Leader and/or Troop Committee Member, Dad-Assistant Scoutmaster and/or District Committee Member, Son 1- Life Scout and/or OA Chapter Vice Chief, Son 2 – Bear Cub, Daughter – Venturing Crew.*

### **Unit Specific Awards**

- Spark Plug Award (1 per Unit) \*

Purpose: A symbol to recognize an adult Scouter within each unit who, by his/her work or assistance, has provided the “Spark” to the organization. (1 per unit, no write-up required)

- Certificate of Appreciation (2 per unit) \*\*

Purpose: To give units the opportunity to say “Thank You” to an individual who has shown exceptional service to the organization and to stimulate continued service within Scouts. Recognition will also serve as an incentive to others. (2 per unit, write-up required)

Procedure: While the selections will be made at the unit level, the names and nomination write up will be screened by the Awards Committee to ensure that the awards maintain their true meaning. Names of the recipients and a short synopsis of their accomplishments during the Scouting year should be submitted.

- **Note:** Units should designate one person to submit nomination forms for Sparkplug Award and Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Unit.

## **District Award of Merit**

The purpose of this award is to recognize those Scouters who have rendered exceptional service of an outstanding nature on the District or Exploring Division Level.

Selection Process: This award is a Council Award presented by the Districts or Exploring Division, and is recognized nationally. It is the highest award given at the District Level.

The award is made annually based on one award for each 25 units registered within the district. The district need not award all the awards to which it is entitled.

The nominee must be a registered adult leader, who has rendered noteworthy service to the youth. The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decision that contributed vitally to the lives of a large number of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time. A nominee should have contributed some service to youth outside of scouting. Consideration should be given to the nominee's position and corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of duty. Specific outstanding service must have been given within the district, normally within the past year. The nominee's attitude toward, and cooperation with the district and council level is to be taken into consideration.

All requirements are outlined on the nomination form 33720C; Nomination for the District Award of Merit. Indicate whether the nomination is from an individual person or submitted as having unit committee endorsement. In addition to the information on the form, the following information must also be presented in paragraph form:

Position in Scouting

Unit Affiliation

Inclusive dates with the District

Brief History of their scouting background

NOTE: Additional attachments may be provided, though are not required, which may be helpful to evaluate the nominee. This nomination process is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, do not inform or advise the nominee in any way of their nomination.

The award consists of a plaque, certificate, and an over hand knot (silver on blue) for uniform wear.

All nominations will be forwarded to **Nicole Harris, Southern District Chair**, no later than **December 19, 2025** for submission to the awards committee. Nominations received after that date may not be considered. Please email your nominations to

**[harrisbythebeach@gmail.com](mailto:harrisbythebeach@gmail.com)**

Please put in the subject line of your email: **Southern District Awards Submission 2025 – District Award of Merit.**

If you do not receive a reply that your submission has been received within 48 hours, please follow up with a text or phone call to **540-538-1336**.