

BEYOND RANKS - "EXTRA" AWARDS FOR CUBS, SCOUTS, AND SCOUTERS

All Patches and Awards listed are, to the best of my knowledge, approved (or at least allowed) by the BSA. They are not all a part of the BSA. Some are offered by outside organizations.

All information is as accurate as I could make it, from the information I found, mainly from the Web sites listed below. The information on some of the awards was inconsistent and/or imprecise, and that's noted on those awards. Even the BSA's "Awards Central" Web page shows some awards that have been changed or appear to be discontinued.

"Leaders" includes all registered Adults, regardless of their position, unless the information states otherwise.

Many Scouts BSA awards may also be earned by Venturers and/or Sea Scouts. Some of those awards have slightly different requirements, due to the differences in the Scouting programs.

This packet was originally compiled in May of 2011, and extensively updated in February of 2022. Availability, requirements, and patch design are, of course, "subject to change without notice", so please check with the BSA, or whatever organization is offering the award, to determine the most current information.

The following is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to the requirements. It's an over-view of available patches and awards, with a summary of the requirements. Detailed information is available from the organization offering the patch or award.

Most of these patches may be worn as a temporary patch, on the right side shirt pocket of the uniform. If I found information that a particular patch should be worn elsewhere, it will be noted in the description.

Square knot awards have a right and a left side. The upper loop [the loop that goes over the rope ends] is worn to the wearer's right.



For the "odd knots": The District Award of Merit (overhand knot) is worn with the loops up and the loose ends of the rope down. The Silver World Award (blue globe with three stars) is worn with the two stars to the wearer's right.

According to the Uniform Inspection Sheet, knots are to be worn "centered above the left shirt pocket in rows of three". Since that requires removing and re-sewing knots each time a new one is earned, many Scouters wear them right-justified with the right pocket edge.

The *older* guides "suggested" no more than three rows of three knots. The most recent guide sets that as an actual regulation.

The colors given for the Knot Awards are the way they looked in the pictures I found. The official BSA description, if one exists, might list the colors differently, but they should be close.

Some awards require an application, and some require a nomination. On those that require a nomination, self-nomination, and/or spousal-nomination will normally automatically disqualify a candidate.

The BSA's use of silver being above gold on certain awards (Eagle Palms, Cub Scout Arrow Points, Ready & Prepared Award, and such) is based on military usage. At one time, only Generals and Colonels wore insignia, all other ranks used epaulettes to signify rank. Generals wore silver stars, Infantry Colonels wore gold eagles, and all other Colonels wore silver eagles. At some point, the military decided to use only one color, and, since there were more Colonels with silver eagles than with gold, they chose silver. For a more detailed explanation of silver outranking gold, see www.uniform-reference.net/insignia/usarmy/silver_and_gold.html. (Ever notice that District and Council wear silver shoulder tabs and National wears gold??? hmmm... ☺ .)

Information on the Patches & Awards in this packet was collected from the following:

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| ▶ www.scouting.org | ▶ www.praypub.org |
| ▶ www.scoutlife.org | ▶ www.nlcbsa.org |
| ▶ www.threefirescouncil.org | ▶ www.scoutinsignia.com |
| ▶ www.usscouts.org | ▶ www.sageventure.com |
| ▶ www.boysscouttrail.com | ▶ www.scoutingbsa.org |
| ▶ www.macscouter.com | ▶ www.midnightsunbsa.org/training/training-awards.html |

BSA's *Guide to Awards and Insignia*, 2018 Printing
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central>
<https://www.scoutshop.org>


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PERMANENT AWARDS			
<p>The awards listed in this box may be earned at any level of Scouting, by youth or adult members. These awards are authorised to be worn on the uniform, and they may be worn on <i>any</i> BSA uniform, at any level of Scouting. Once earned, they are “permanent,” which means they may also be transferred to any uniform that the recipient of the award is entitled to wear, without having to earn them again, or fulfill any other requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Youth Religious Square Knot ▶ Honor Medal Award ▶ Medal of Merit Award ▶ Any of the Interpreter Strips ▶ Service Stars 			


NATIONAL SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS		
<p>This award is to encourage units to hold Summer activities, and to encourage Scouts to participate in them.</p> <p>If the pack does three Summer activities, one each in June, July, and August, the pack qualifies for Ribbon, which may be displayed on their pack flag.</p> <p>Dens who have at least half of their members attend all three activities earn a Den Ribbon.</p> <p>Those Scouts who participate in all three of those activities earn the pin.</p> <p>There are four different colored, rank specific pins.</p> <p>The pins are approved for permanent uniform wear. They are worn on the right pocket flap. Scouts who've earned the pin at different ranks may wear multiple pins. Scouts who have the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award already on their right pocket flap may pin these through it.</p> <hr/> <p>There is a lot of confusion, every year, as to which pin should be awarded to which den. Personally, I feel this is one award that the BSA messed up when they started color-coding everything. This is a PACK award, not a DEN award, so there's no need for den colors on these. When these pins only came in a solid gold color, everyone just got a pin each year they were eligible, and they could earn multiple pins... so there was no confusion.</p> <p>Since Cubs all “rank up” on June 1st, and youth can't join as Lion Cubs until they're in Kindergarten in the fall, per the BSA, there are no Lion Dens over the summer, so there's no need for a Lion-colored pin for this award. If you were to give each den the pin for the rank that they <i>were</i>, prior <i>to</i> the June 1st rank-up, there wouldn't be a pin for those who were Lions and just ranked-up to Tigers. If you give each den the pin for the rank that they <i>are</i>, after the June 1st rank-up, the Webelos will end up with two of the same color. Giving the Webelos identical pins for their two summers makes more sense than <i>not</i> giving a pin to the Lion/Tiger Cubs who earned it. However, until the BSA officially clarifies this, or goes back to having the same colored pin for everyone, I'm sure the debate will continue.</p>			


NATIONAL DEN AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUT DENS		
<p>The National Den Award recognizes dens that conduct a quality, year-round program. Service projects, Cub Scout Academics and Sports, field trips, character development, and Cub Scout camping are areas that are emphasized. Dens earn the award as a team, not as individual den members. Dens receive a Ribbon for their den flag.</p> <p>The den must have at least 50 percent of their members attend two den meetings and one pack meeting or activity each month of the year, and complete six of the nine additional requirements.</p>			


CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD			
 			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS Tiger through Webelos		
<p>This award may be earned by Cub Scouts in Tiger through Webelos dens. It may be earned once in each program year, as long as all requirements are completed within that program year.</p> <p>The first time the award is earned, the Scout receives the patch. This is a permanent uniform badge, and is worn on the right pocket flap. Each successive year the award is earned, the Scout receives a Wolf Track pin to add to the pocket flap.</p> <p>To earn the award for each year, all ranks must attend a Cub Scout Day Camp, Twilight Camp, or Resident Camp. Further requirements are rank-dependant. Each rank must do a certain requirement from their Cub Scout book, and from four to seven of the fourteen outdoor activities listed in the requirements.</p>			

THREE FIRES COUNCIL - WEBELOS SUPER ACHIEVER AWARD			
     			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS		
<p>The Cub Scout must earn all twenty-seven of the WEBELOS Adventure pins. The patch design may change from year to year.</p> <p>The "27" patch is the official BSA award. There are some commercial patch companies that offer different patches.</p>			


SHOOTING SPORTS AWARDS			
        			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS		
<p>There are different colored patches for each rank: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos/AOL; each with age appropriate requirements. One earns the patch upon completing the level 1 requirements for any of the three disciplines: Slingshot, Archery, or B-B Gun. One earns the yellow pin for that discipline by completing the level 2 requirements for that same discipline. One earns additional pins by completing both level 1 and level 2 requirements for either or both of the other two disciplines.</p> <p>For Lions: The Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities now shows that Lions may do archery and slingshots. The BSA's National Shooting Sports Manual lists the Lion requirements, but shows that the patch/award is "To Be Determined." Lions may NOT use B-B or other guns.</p> <p>The patch is for temporary uniform wear, and the pins are attached to the patch for the proper rank level.</p> <p>Shooting sports may ONLY be done at District or Council level events. They may NOT be done at the Unit level.</p>			

DEN CHIEF SERVICE AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Serve as a Den Chief to a pack, faithfully for at least one year. Attend Den Chief training within one year, or be trained by the Cubmaster and Den Leader if Den Chief training is not available. Assist the Den Leader at den meetings, and assist the den at pack meetings. Complete four of the eight projects listed in the requirements.</p> <p>This is a permanent uniform badge, but it's not a patch. It's a cord that is worn over the left shoulder. It should go under the buttoned down epaulet on top, and under the arm on the bottom.</p>			

RECRUITER			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	
<p>The Scout invites another youth to visit a meeting. If that youth joins the unit, the Scout earns the patch.</p> <p>This is a permanent uniform badge. It's worn directly below the right shirt pocket. If the Scout has another official badge already there, the Recruiter badge is worn below that badge.</p>			

NATIONAL HONOR PATROL AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA PATROLS	
<p>Patrols may earn this award by completing all eight requirements within a three month period. A patrol may earn this award multiple times, every three months.</p> <p>This award is earned by the patrol, but awarded to all patrol members, regardless of their level of participation.</p> <p>The award is a segment patch, which is worn around the patrol patch on the right sleeve. A Scout may wear as many segments as their patrol has earned. If a Scout changes patrols, they should only wear segments as earned by their new patrol.</p>			

INTERPRETER STRIP			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>Show knowledge of a foreign language or the sign language for the hearing impaired by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Carrying on a five-minute conversation in the language. ▸ Translating a two-minute speech or address. ▸ Writing a letter in the language (this requirement is waived for sign language). ▸ Translating two hundred words from the written word. <p>Interpreter strips are available through the BSA for Arabic, French, German, Korean, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, Netherlands, Portuguese, Russian, Cantonese (Chinese), Greek, Japanese, Simplified Mandarin (Chinese), Traditional Mandarin (Chinese), Vietnamese, Hebrew, Morse Code, and Sign Language.</p> <p>This is a permanent uniform badge. It's worn above the right pocket.</p> <p>This strip is worn to show that the wearer is <i>willing and able</i> to act as an interpreter for the language listed on the strip. This is why these strips are printed <i>in</i> that language, so those who speak that language can read the strip. If the wearer does not want to serve as an interpreter, they may keep the strip, but they should remove it from their uniform.</p>			

LEADER TRAINED AWARDS			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>All Leaders should be fully trained for their position. We want all of our Scouts to have the benefits of properly trained Leaders, and, if you're going to be a part of the Scouting program, shouldn't you <i>want</i> to know what that program is?</p> <p>To be considered "trained", and eligible to wear the award, all registered Leaders must have completed Youth Protection AND all other required training for their position.</p> <p>Certain activities, such as Cub Scout Camping, also require additional training by at least some of the adult Leaders.</p> <p>Youth leaders must complete the required training for their leadership position.</p>			

OUTDOOR ETHICS AWARENESS & ACTION AWARDS



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA & VENTURERS

LEADERS & ADVISORS

NOTE: The Awards Central Web page states: "The Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards for Cub Scouts and leaders were retired in June 2016." However, it still links to the requirements for Scouters and Advisors, and the linked Applications still show a checkbox for them. (The awards for Cub Scouts IS gone.)

To earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award (patch):

- ! Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
- ! Watch the National Park Service's Leave No Trace video.
- ! Complete the Leave No Trace online course. Print the certificate.
- ! Complete the Tread Lightly! online course. Print the certificate.
- ! Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

To earn the Outdoor Ethics Action Award (nameplate):

- ! Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award
- ! Complete additional requirements as per the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards Program pamphlet

The Outdoor Ethics Guide is not an award, but rather a Youth Leadership position within a troop.

BSA NATIONAL OUTDOORS AWARDS



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA

The National Outdoor Badges recognize a Scout (Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, or Venturers) who demonstrates both knowledge and experience in any or all of the six areas of: Riding, Hiking, Camping, Aquatics, Adventure, or Conservation.

Scouts earning the National Outdoor badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

The center patch is earned, without additional requirements, upon the Scout's earning their first segment. Each segment has various requirements. Completing those requirements, and continuing in the same category, a Scout can earn, first gold, and then silver devices to add to that segment. This follows the BSA policy of silver being above gold. Multiple devices may be worn on each segment, to show what the Scout has earned.

This is approved as a temporary patch for uniform wear.

NATIONAL MEDAL FOR OUTDOOR ACHIEVEMENT



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA

This is the highest honor a Scout can earn for Outdoor Achievement.

The Scout must earn the National Outdoor Awards Camping badge with a silver device, and any two of the other five National Outdoor Awards badges, each with two gold devices.

Earn the Backpacking merit badge or Ranger Backpacking elective; Emergency Preparedness merit badge or Ranger Emergency Preparedness core; Nature merit badge; and Wilderness Survival merit badge or Ranger Wilderness Survival core.

Complete an approved, sixteen-hour course in Wilderness First Aid, and an approved sixteen-hour course to become a certified Leave No Trace Trainer.

The Scout must plan and lead additional outings and activities as described in the requirements.

THREE FIRES COUNCIL - JR. HIKING PROGRAM - MILES HIKE AWARDS



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

LEADERS

These awards are offered by Three Fires Council. Other Councils may offer something similar.

These are designed to encourage Cub Scouts and their families to get outdoors and "take a hike."

To earn this, simply track your miles hiked, with your family, your Den, or your Pack, and stop by the Scout Shop to pick up the circle patch and the appropriate rocker patches.

This is an "On My Honor" type award, there is no paperwork, and no one is checking up on you. This may be used by a Den or Pack, or simply purchased by a parent.

The circle patch could be awarded after the first hike, regardless of its length, or it could be awarded with the first rocker. Additional rocker patches may be awarded as they're earned. The rockers could just be added to the circle, so that the highest one is the total miles hiked; or, if you think you'll be hiking more than forty miles over your Cub Scout career, they could be used as a "grand total," so wearing a "forty" and a "ten" would mean you've hiked a total of fifty miles.

HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS

Earned as a Unit. Awarded to each individual that participates.

Locate and study a historic site or trail. Hike or camp for two days and one night near the site, or along the trail. Complete a service project connected to the site or trail.

50-MILER AWARD



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS

Earned as a Unit. Awarded to each individual that participates. This award does not apply if any other BSA award is available for the trip.

Plan and execute a trip of over fifty miles by foot, canoe, or other non-motorized boat. The trip must take a minimum of five consecutive days. Each participant must do a minimum of a ten hour group service project along the route. If local authorities won't allow the service project en route, it may be done elsewhere at a later date.

NATIONAL OUTDOOR CHALLENGE



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA TROOPS

The Troop must conduct various outdoor activities and campouts, including Summer camp and camping with a WEBELOS Den. They must conduct a Leave No Trace program, and all Scouts in the Troop must earn at least one outdoors related merit badge over the course of the year.

This is an annual award. There are no patches, but the Troop earns a ribbon for their Troop flag.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE (JTE) AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS

Scouting's Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA's planning, performance, and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the success of our units, districts and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

There are three levels of this award, Bronze, Silver, and Gold (Gold being the highest in this award). There are different patches for each level, with the border of the patch in the color of the level earned; and different flag ribbons in each of the three colors.

The requirements are different for each level of Scouting, and they change each year. If your Unit fulfills the requirements, all members may wear the appropriate patch, and your Unit gets the appropriate ribbon for your Unit flag.

This is something every Unit should be doing. In fact, if your Unit is providing a quality program, and following the BSA policies to do so, there's a good chance your Unit is already at, at least, the Bronze level, without even trying ©.

This patch is approved for permanent uniform wear, and is worn on the right sleeve. Only the most recent JTE patch should be worn on the uniform. Older JTE patches may be worn on a brag vest.

100% BOYS' LIFE AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS

NOTE: I couldn't find any current information on this version of the JTE Award. I would assume it still exists, but it might be "on hold" since the magazine's name has changed to *Scout's Life*. I left the information here, in hope that the award will reappear.

To earn this award, a Unit must first earn one of the three levels of Journey to Excellence. In addition, at recharter, there must be at least one subscription to Boys' Life Magazine per Scouting family. Families with more than one Scout only need one subscription for their household, in order for the Unit to qualify, although those families may still want each of their youth to have their own subscription, particularly if the youth are in different levels of Scouting, as there are different versions of Boys' Life for Cub Scouts and SCOUTS BSA.

If your Unit fulfills the subscription requirement, each member gets a 100% JTE patch, rather than the normal JTE patch, and your Unit gets a 100% ribbon for your Unit flag.

This patch is approved for permanent uniform wear, and is worn on the right sleeve. Only the most recent JTE patch should be worn on the uniform. Older JTE patches may be worn on a brag vest.

A qualifying Unit, and its members, will receive either the regular JTE patch *or* the 100% Boys' Life JTE patch. They shouldn't receive both for any one year.

FOUNDER'S BAR AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS


This recognition is intended to emphasize the importance and pride of forming and nurturing a new Scouting unit.



The Founder's Bar is worn by all youth and adults whose names are on a new-unit charter or who officially join the new unit before the unit recharter for the first time.


If a Cub, Scout, or Scouter who was eligible to wear this patch re-registers with the unit that they were a founding member of, at a later date, they may again wear this patch on their uniform, for that unit.


This is approved for permanent uniform wear. It's worn on the left sleeve below the unit numerals.

CYBER CHIP AWARD			
 			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	
<p>There are two different levels of this award, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Each award level has different requirements. This award "expires" and must be renewed annually.</p> <p>There is a blue patch for Cub Scouts. It appears the green patch for Scouts BSA has been discontinued. The first time a Cub earns this, they get the patch. When they renew it each year, called a "recharge," they get the pin to stick on the patch.</p>			


INTERNET SCOUT AWARDS			
 			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>This patch is offered by the U.S. Scouting Service Project (USSSP), which is not a part of the BSA.</p> <p>Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA may earn the Internet Scout patch by completing the requirements with an adult mentor. Adult Leaders may earn the Internet Mentor patch by being a mentor for their own or other youth. It's recommended parents be the mentors for any youth under the age of 11. For older youth the mentor could still be a parent, or might be another Scout Leader.</p> <p>A prerequisite for earning this patch is to earn the BSA Cyber Chip patch appropriate for the Cub's or Scout's grade level.</p> <p>The USSSP offers both a program guide and a workbook with the full requirements for this award.</p>			


NOVA AWARDS			
 			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	
<p>There are multiple Nova awards for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Scouts BSA members, and Venturers. Each award covers one component of STEM—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.</p> <p>For their first Nova award, Scouts earn the Nova award patch. After that, a Scout can earn additional Nova awards, each one recognized with a separate pi (π) pin-on device that attaches to the patch.</p> <p>The patch and the devices represent each of the four STEM topics—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.</p>			

SUPERNOVA AWARDS			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS (Wolf through Webelos)	SCOUTS BSA	
<p>The Supernova awards have more rigorous requirements than the Nova awards. The requirements and activities were designed to motivate youth and recognize more in-depth, advanced achievement in STEM-related activities.</p> <p>There are different awards for each level of Scouting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Cub Scouts earn the Dr. Louis Alvarez Supernova Award ▶ Webelos Scouts earn the Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova Award ▶ Scouts BSA can earn the Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova Bronze Award and the Thomas Edison Supernova Silver Award ▶ Venturers can earn Dr. Sally Ride Supernova Bronze Award, the Wright Brothers Supernova Silver Award, and the Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Gold Award 			

WHITTTLING CHIP			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS Bears & Webelos Only		
<p>Earning this allows the Cub Scout to carry and use a pocket knife. The Cub must understand and demonstrate its proper use and know and obey all safety rules, to protect themselves and others.</p> <p>This award can be revoked if the Scout is observed using their pocket knife, or any type of knife, improperly or unsafely.</p> <p>This patch is NOT for uniform wear, per the BSA's "Guide to Awards and Insignia."</p>			

TOTEN' CHIP			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Earning this allows the Scout to carry and use woods tools (pocket knife, ax, and saw). The Scout must understand and demonstrate their proper use and know and obey all safety rules, to protect themselves and others.</p> <p>This award can be revoked if the Scout is observed using any of the woods tools improperly or unsafely.</p> <p>This patch may be worn, as a temporary patch, on the right pocket of the uniform, NOT on the pocket flap.</p>			

FIREM'N CHIP			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Earning this allows the Scout to carry matches and start campfires. The Scout must understand and demonstrate fire safety, be aware of and obey local fire regulations, and follow the principles of Leave No Trace for low impact campfires.</p> <p>This award can be revoked if the Scout is observed violating any fire safety or Leave No Trace principles.</p> <p>This patch may be worn, as a temporary patch, on the right pocket of the uniform, NOT on the pocket flap.</p>			

PAUL BUNYAN WOODSMAN AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Earn the Toten' Chip Award, help another Scout or a patrol to earn it, complete a short service project, and other requirements.</p>			

WORLD CONSERVATION BSA AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

This award may be earned by a Cub Scout as a Wolf, as a Bear, or as a Webeles. It is only earned once by a Cub Scout, regardless of what rank the Cub earns it as. The Cub Scout requirements are rank dependant, and also include a den or pack conservation project.

The Scouts BSA requirements consist of earning three merit badges: Environmental Science or Sustainability; Soil and Water Conservation or Fish and Wildlife Management; and Citizenship in the World. In addition, they must participate in a conservation program.

The Venturing requirements consist of completing the Ecology Elective of the Ranger Award, teach others how to carry out an ecological investigation, and participate in a conservation project.

This is approved as a temporary patch for the right uniform pocket.

CONSERVATION GOOD TURN



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

The Scouting unit contacts a conservation agency, as listed in the requirements, and offers to carry out a Conservation Good Turn project. The agency identifies a worthwhile and needed project that the unit can accomplish. Working together in the local community, the unit and the agency plan the details and establish the date, time, and location for carrying out the project.

DISTINGUISHED CONSERVATION SERVICE AWARDS



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS & OTHERS

The BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards have replaced the now discontinued William T. Hornaday Award.

This transition seems to still be in progress. Some BSA sites list the new award, some the old. I was unable to determine what the new awards will look like. The only graphic I could find, on an official site, was the silver coin, pictured above. The awards in the black box are the old Hornaday Awards and Knot. It appears that these *MAY* be redesigned and used for the new award, but I couldn't find anything definite.

INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS


There are age appropriate requirements for each of the three levels of Scouting. This award is for those who have completed the necessary requirements for their Scouting level, have gained a greater knowledge of international Scouting, and have developed a greater appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries.


SEA SCOUT AWARDS			
			
EARNED BY:		SEA SCOUTS	SEA SCOUT LEADERS
The Sea Scouts Program offers various awards to both youth and adult leaders. The requirements vary by award.			


MILE SWIM BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Learn proper precautions and procedures for distance swimming with an escort. Train for four hours (one hour per day) under qualified supervision. Swim one mile on an approved course under qualified supervision.</p> <p>This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.</p>			

LIFEGUARD BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>To be trained as a BSA Lifeguard, you must successfully complete the BSA Lifeguard course and demonstrate the ability to perform each of the skills taught in the course.</p> <p>Those who are currently certified by other lifeguard courses, may be able to obtain BSA certification by completing the requirements, without actually taking the BSA course.</p> <p>This award may be worn on the lower <i>right</i> side of the Scout's swimsuit. (This is the opposite side from the other aquatic awards.)</p>			


SNORKELING BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Successfully complete the BSA Swimmer's test. Learn hazards, safety procedures and proper use of equipment and demonstrate such. Demonstrate proficiency in snorkeling skills as per award requirements.</p> <p>This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.</p>			

SCUBA BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
Successfully complete the BSA Swimmer's test. Learn hazards, safety procedures and proper use of equipment and demonstrate such. Demonstrate proficiency in diving skills as per award requirements.			
This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.			

BSA STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
The BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding award introduces Scouts to the basics of stand up paddleboarding on calm water, including skills, equipment, self rescue, and safety precautions. This award also encourages Scouts to develop paddling skills that promote fitness and safe aquatics recreation.			
This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.			

BOARD SAILING BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
Learn and explain safety regulations and boardsailing guidelines. Learn and explain the parts of a sailboard. Demonstrate proficiency in rigging and sailing a sailboard.			
This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.			

KAYAKING BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
Successfully complete the BSA Swimmer's test. Learn and explain safety regulations and kayaking guidelines. Learn and explain the parts of a kayak and the proper equipment. Demonstrate proficiency in kayaking.			
This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.			

WHITEWATER RAFTING BSA AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	
Successfully complete the BSA Swimmer's test. Learn hazards, safety procedures and proper use of equipment and demonstrate such. Demonstrate proficiency in snorkeling skills as per award requirements.			
This award may be worn on the lower left side of the Scout's swimsuit.			

BSA COMPLETE ANGLER AWARD



EARNED BY:

SCOUTS BSA

Earn the Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish & Wildlife Management merit badges; and complete one or more projects.

ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING AWARDS



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS & ADULTS

These awards are from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. There are a number of awards available. Some have certificates one may print directly from the Website, others require an application for approval by the DNR.

- ▶ The Junior Angler award is for anyone under the age of 16, who catches their very first fish in Illinois waters.
- ▶ The Catch and Release award is for anyone who catches and releases a qualifying fish per the DNR's Website.
- ▶ The Big Fish award is for anyone who catches and keeps a qualifying fish per the DNR's Website.
- ▶ There are other awards that require catching more and/or bigger fish. One must submit information to the DNR to qualify for those.
- ▶ There are also awards for spearfishing and bowfishing.

To print the certificates, or find the requirements for the other awards, visit: www.ifishillinois.org/awards/open_award.html.

SCOUTSTRONG HEALTHY UNIT AWARD



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

Personal fitness is one of the aims of Scouting. To show a commitment to this value and earn the SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award, follow three healthy practices at all meetings and gatherings:

- ▶ Snack smart: Serve fruits or vegetables, when you have snacks (three meetings).
- ▶ Drink right: Make water the main beverage (six meetings).
- ▶ Move more: Include 15 minutes of fun physical activity (nine meetings).

Scouts can earn the SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award with their Den, Pack, Troop, or Crew.

There are different requirements for each of the Cub Levels: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos; as well as one for Scouts BSA.

SCOUTSTRONG PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AWARD (PALA)



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

LEADERS & PARENTS

The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) Challenge will add activity to your life, and reward you when you do.

To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge Award, participants are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for youth under age 18 for at least five days a week, for six out of eight weeks; and other requirements.

RELIGIOUS AWARDS — YOUTH



EARNED BY:

CUB SCOUTS

SCOUTS BSA

P.R.A.Y. is an organization that offers this program, for many faiths, to all children and adults. Some faiths may require you to contact them directly for information on their specific program. You don't need to be a registered Scout or Leader to participate.

Religious Awards are NOT earned through the BSA. These awards are earned independently by the Scout, working with a religious leader through their religious organization. The workbooks for the Scouts, and the guidebooks for the religious leaders are available from the Scout Stores, directly from P.R.A.Y., or from one's religious organization.

The Youth Award may be earned multiple times, once at each level. Levels are: Grades K-1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. There are also Adult Awards (described elsewhere in this document).

The Medal and Patch shown are just a sample of what's available from P.R.A.Y. The actual award earned may look different, depending upon one's faith.

The Knot Award and devices are offered by the BSA for those who've completed the religious requirements of their faith. The devices are used to show which program (Cub Scout, Webelos, Scouts BSA) the Scout earned the award under.

While P.R.A.Y. is a Christian organization, they collaborate with many different faiths to provide religious programs for youth. *Some* of the available programs are:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
 Anglican Catholic Church
 Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Western Prelacy)
 Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)
 Bahá'í
 Baptist
 Buddhist
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS)
 Churches of Christ
 Community of Christ (World Community Program Series)
 Eastern Catholic
 Eastern Orthodox
 Episcopal
 General Church of the New Jerusalem (The New Church)
 Hindu
 Islamic

Jewish
 Lutheran
 Meher Baba
 Moravian
 National Association of Anglican and Traditional Catholic Scouters
 Polish National Catholic Church
 Presbyterian Church in America
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Protestant and Independent Christian Churches
 Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
 Roman Catholic
 The Salvation Army
 Scientist Church of Christ
 Unitarian Universalist
 United Church of Christ
 United Methodist
 United Pentecostal Church International
 Unity Churches
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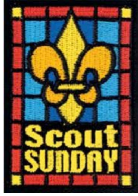


If you don't see your faith listed, check the BSA's Religious Emblems Programs page.


The Square Knot badge is approved for permanent uniform wear. It's worn above the left pocket. The devices may be pinned through the corners of the badge.

The Religious Square Knot badge is one of the few badges that a Scout can earn that may be worn on all uniforms: Cub Scout, Webelos, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Adult Leader (others are Lifesaving Awards and Interpreter Strips).







NOTE: Some will state that the Arrow of Light award may be worn on all uniforms. However, while Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Leaders may all wear a badge to show they've earned the Arrow of Light, the Scouts wear the actual Arrow of Light badge, and Leaders wear an Arrow of Light Square Knot, which is a different badge.

RELIGIOUS AWARDS — ADULT			
   			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>Adult Religious Awards are NOT awarded by the BSA. They are awarded through one's religious organization, normally by nomination only (except for the Mentor pin).</p> <p>Adult awards are not earned like youth awards: An outside party must nominate an adult to receive an award by submitting the required applications, letter of recommendation, and résumé of activities. Self and spousal nominations will not be accepted. Nominations cannot be made posthumously.</p> <p>The Medals are available from P.R.A.Y. The Square Knot badge is available through the BSA.</p> <p>There are three levels of the Adult Award. There are also Youth Awards (described elsewhere in this document).</p> <p>Adults may earn the Mentor Award pin by assisting a youth in any of the P.R.A.Y. religious programs.</p> <p>The Building Faith in Youth Award requires a nomination from the adult's religious organization only. The adult doesn't have to be a member of the BSA, or any other Youth Organization, but they must be a teacher of the P.R.A.Y. Program.</p> <p>To earn the God and Service Award, an adult must be nominated by both their Religious Organization and their Youth Organization (in our case, the BSA).</p> <p>The Square Knot award is ONLY awarded as part of the God and Service Award.</p> <p>The Square Knot badge is approved for permanent uniform wear. It's worn above the left pocket. If a Leader also earned the Youth Religious Knot, they may wear both Knots.</p>			

SCOUT SUNDAY			
  			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>Attend the church of your choice, in uniform, on Scout Sunday, to commemorate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.</p> <p>Scout Sunday is normally the first Sunday in February, however, it may be whatever date your church, or unit, determines.</p> <p>Attending in uniform is all that's required to earn the patch. However, Scouts and Leaders are sometimes recognized during the service, they may do a short presentation on Scouting, or they may serve as part of the service. Past Scouts and Scouters are also sometimes recognized, as are Eagle Scouts.</p> <p>The patch design changes every year.</p>			

NATIONAL DUTY TO GOD AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>This award, first presented in 2016, recognized adults who help young people better connect with their faith.</p> <p>This award is by nomination only, and the BSA only awards four of these per year.</p> <p>The nominee must have received the BSA's Adult Religious Square Knot Award (described elsewhere in this document), or a comparable recognition from the nominee's religious organization, and must meet additional requirements.</p> <p>Nominations are done by submitting the appropriate form, from October through February of each year.</p>			

MESSENGERS OF PEACE AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>This is an international award, from the World Scout Committee. To earn it, your Unit needs to do a qualifying service project, and then, when registering that service project on the BSA's Journey to Excellence Website, mark the checkbox for "Messengers of Peace" (MOP).</p> <p>Any Scout or Scouter who participates in a project that has had a significant impact on the community in any one of the three dimensions listed in the MOP initiative can qualify as a Messenger of Peace.</p> <p>This is a ring patch, that goes around the World Crest patch, as shown above. It's approved for permanent uniform wear.</p>			

NATIONAL COURT OF HONOR LIFESAVING AND MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARDS			
HONOR MEDAL	MEDAL OF HEROISM	MEDAL OF MERIT	
 	 	 	
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>National awards for lifesaving and meritorious action are made only for outstanding and unusual acts that demonstrate unusual heroism, skill, or bravery and reflect Scouting ideals.</p> <p>There are five levels of these awards, from highest to lowest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Honor Medal With Crossed Palms. Has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self. ▶ Honor Medal. Has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self. ▶ Medal of Heroism. Has demonstrated heroism and skill in averting serious injury or saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self. ▶ Medal of Merit. 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. ▶ National Certificate of Merit. Has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition. <p>The Honor Medals, Heroism Award, and Medal of Merit also have a Square Knot award patch, which may be worn as a permanent uniform badge, above the left pocket.</p> <p>The Honor Medals may be, and have been, presented posthumously to those who died while attempting to save the life of another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Note: If the action is deserving of merit but does not qualify for a national award, the Scout may be eligible for the Local Council Certificate of Merit. <p>"<i>Heroism</i>" is defined as conduct exhibiting courage, daring, skill, and self-sacrifice.</p> <p>"<i>Skill</i>" is defined as the ability to use one's knowledge effectively in execution or performance. Special attention is given to skills earned in Scouting.</p>			

THREE FIRES COUNCIL PATCH & SEGMENTS



EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
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The round Three Fires Council "base" patch may simply be purchased, either as an individual, or by the unit. It's often awarded with a Scout's first segment.

Segments surround the base patch, and may be awarded by any level of leadership for any event, activity, or achievement.

Most segments have no specific meaning, so whoever's awarding them may choose the most appropriate design. On that note: Parents of Scouts should write down what each segment is earned for, for their Scout's future reference (I have ten segments on my brag vest... I know what six of them are for ☺.)

UNIT LEVEL AWARDS



EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
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Unit Level Awards can be almost anything. There are many available from the Scout Store, or on-line at www.scoutstuff.org. Some outside events or places also offer patches. Patches can even be handmade (felt and puffy paint works great ☺).

Particularly for Cub Packs, sometimes looking at available patches, either at the Scout Shop or on-line, can give one a good idea for an event or activity.

Requirements are generally some form of participation or some achievement, but they can be anything the unit decides.

GOLDEN FEATHER AWARD - CHIPPEWA DISTRICT



EARNED BY:			LEADERS
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This is awarded by Chippewa District. Other Districts may do something similar, but it will probably be a different award with different requirements.

This is for service "above and beyond" at the Unit level, as determined by the members of each Unit. This award is by nomination only, done by submitting the appropriate form to District, prior to February of the year in which the nomination is made. Each Unit's annual nominee should be determined by members of that Unit. The award is given at the annual District Dinner, which is held in March.

- ▶ Each Unit may nominate up to TWO deserving adults
- ▶ The adult must have been a registered Scout leader for a minimum of 2 years with the Unit
- ▶ The adult has made a positive impact on the Unit's program because he/she is involved
- ▶ The adult is a mentor to the youth and a friend to the adults
- ▶ The adult lives by the values of Scouting in their everyday life
- ▶ This award may only be earned once from any Unit
- ▶ It may be earned multiple times by an individual provided each time is from a different Unit
- ▶ This replaces the discontinued Bronze Compass and Silver Acorn Awards, which were from the pre-merged districts. Recipients of either of those awards ARE still eligible to receive a Golden Feather.

I don't believe this is officially approved for uniform wear, however, many recipients do wear it on their left pocket flap.

CAMP PATCHES			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>Attend Chippewa District's Cub Scout Twilight Camp, any of the numerous Day Camps, or Three Fires Council's Scout Summer Camp, and you can earn a patch. Adult and youth Staff may earn a "Staff" patch.</p> <p>Patch design changes from year to year.</p>			

ATTENDANCE AWARDS			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>Can be used for instant recognition for various events and activities.</p> <p>Scouts can make their own fobs or hangers, of leather or similar, as an activity; or they can be purchased ready-made.</p>			

TRAIL'S END POPCORN PATCHES			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	
<p>Sell Trail's End Popcorn, to help support your Council and your unit, and you can earn a patch. Selling above specified amounts earns additional patches.</p> <p>The requirements and designs vary from year to year.</p>			

THREE FIRES COUNCIL - POLAR BEAR CAMPING			
			
EARNED BY:		SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>Camp when it's cold and earn an award. This award is earned by the Unit, but patch is only given to those members of the Unit that were on that campout.</p> <p>The campout must be held between November 1 and March 31, and must be more than 24 hours long... and the temperature must drop below 32° at some point during the campout.</p> <p>Cold weather training requirements, and qualifying camping requirements must be met.</p> <p>This award is NOT available to Cub Scouts, as Three Fires Council's Regulations forbids Cub Camping in these conditions.</p>			

DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD (DESA)



EARNED BY:

LEADERS

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) is the National Eagle Scout Association's (NESA) highest recognition. The Award was established to recognize Eagle Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout Award at least 25 years previously, and have reached the highest national level of success in their field. In addition, these recipients have demonstrated a strong record of volunteer leadership service to their community.

This award is by nomination only, done by submitting the appropriate form to Council. While this is a National award, nominations must be done through your local Council. Council must approve the nomination before it is sent to National for their consideration.

There is a medal; and a device pin, which may be worn on the uniform, pinned through the Eagle Scout Knot Award.

NESA OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD (NOESA)



EARNED BY:

LEADERS

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is a prestigious recognition granted by the local Council's NESA committee to Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement at the local, state, or regional level. The NOESA recognizes Eagle Scouts whose efforts have made a positive impact in the community. This is similar to the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) however, it doesn't have the 25 year requirement, and it's for Scouters who do not yet meet more stringent nomination requirements for the DESA.

This award is by nomination only, done by submitting the appropriate form to Council.

There is a medal; and a device pin, which may be worn on the uniform, pinned through the Eagle Scout Knot Award.

VENTURING AWARDS



EARNED BY:

VENTURERS

The Venturing Program offers various awards to youth members. The requirements vary by award.

VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARDS



EARNED BY:

VENTURERS

VENTURING LEADERS

Awarded to those who've made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing code.

There are three levels of this award:

- Council - for unit, District, and Council level recognition (Blue Ribbon)
- Territory - for recognition in one of the sixteen BSA territories (Green Ribbon)
- National - for recognition on a national level (Red Ribbon)

All levels may wear the Square Knot award.

You must be nominated for this award.

AMERICAN INDIAN SCOUTING ASSOCIATION GREY WOLF AWARD



EARNED BY:

LEADERS

To earn this award, one must:

- ▶ Be a registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA or Boy Scouts of America.
- ▶ Actively serve American Indian youth through Girl Scout program, Boy Scout program, or both, for at least 15 years.
- ▶ Part of the years of service must have been as a troop leader/advisor, or a den leader/scoutmaster.

Earning this award entitles a Scouter to wear the Scouting Service Award Knot. The Knot is not the award, but simply represents the actual award that was earned.

ASIAN AMERICAN SPIRIT OF SCOUTING SERVICE AWARD



EARNED BY:

LEADERS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award recognizes outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Asian American youth.

A Scouter or organization must be nominated by the proper committee in their local council. The local council makes the selection(s) and selects the recipient(s).

Earning this award entitles a Scouter to wear the Scouting Service Award Knot. The Knot is not the award, but simply represents the actual award that was earned.

¡SCOUTING...VALE LA PENA! SERVICE AWARD



EARNED BY:

LEADERS & ORGANIZATIONS

The ¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Service Award recognizes outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth.

The award is presented to people at all levels of the organization (executive board, district Scouters, unit personnel) and to people of all races and income levels.

A Scouter or organization must be nominated by the proper committee in their local council. The local council makes the selection(s) and selects the recipient(s).

Earning this award entitles a Scouter to wear the Scouting Service Award Knot. The Knot is not the award, but simply represents the actual award that was earned.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCOUTING SERVICE AWARD



EARNED BY:



LEADERS & PROFESSIONALS


The Special Needs Scouting Service Award recognizes and may be earned by adult volunteers and professionals whose active and outstanding service



- ▶ Involves working with Scouts who have disabilities or special needs
- ▶ Promotes awareness of disabilities and special needs in Scouting
- ▶ Advocates the recruitment, inclusion, and full participation of members who have disabilities or special needs in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America


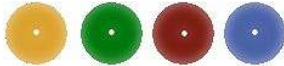
A Scouter or Professional must be nominated and fulfill other requirements, as per the nomination form.


Earning this award entitles a Scouter to wear the Scouting Service Award Knot. The Knot is not the award, but simply represents the actual award that was earned.


WHITNEY M. YOUNG SERVICE AWARD			
 			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>The Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award recognizes outstanding service by an adult or an organization for demonstrated involvement in the development and implementation of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds</p> <p>The award is presented to people at all levels of the organization (executive board, district Scouters, unit personnel) and to people of all races and income levels.</p> <p>A Scouter must be nominated by the proper committee in their local council. The local council makes the selection(s) and selects the recipient(s).</p> <p>Earning this award entitles a Scouter to wear the Scouting Service Award Knot. The Knot is not the award, but simply represents the actual award that was earned.</p>			


CRIME PREVENTION AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	
<p>There are two "phases" for the requirements: Youth & Family, and Youth & Unit.</p> <p>The Scout must complete both phases</p> <p>Phase I is rank related. The requirements are actually certain requirements already in the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Handbooks.</p> <p>Phase II requires the Scout to participate with their family, den, pack, patrol, crew, team, troop, or friends in a crime prevention project, either an original project or a project of a neighborhood- or community-based organization. (Before beginning the project, have the unit leader approve your choice.)</p> <p>NOTE: The ScoutShop Website still shows this patch as available, but I couldn't find any mention of it on any other official BSA site. The requirements are still listed on the US Scouting Service Project site.</p>			

JAMES STEWART GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD			
 			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS*	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>This award has been established by the James M. Stewart Museum Foundation with the consent and cooperation of the Boy Scouts of America, Penn Woods Council and the family of James M. Stewart.</p> <p>The purpose of this award is to introduce Scouts to the life of a great American, James Maitland Stewart.</p> <p>The Jimmy Stewart Museum is offering this award to a Scout or Scouter who has exemplified the characteristics necessary to live the life of a Good Citizen.</p> <p>To earn the award, Scouts are required to complete the Jimmy Stewart Museum Quiz, write an essay of not less than 500 words and do a good citizenship project in their community in honor of James M. Stewart.</p> <p>Workbooks for the award may be purchased from the Jimmy Stewart Museum. The patch and medal will be available from the museum once the Scout has earned the award (either or both may be purchased).</p> <p>* While there's nothing I could find that would prohibit a Cub Scout from earning this, the requirements may be a bit much for younger Scouts.</p>			

SERVICE STAR AWARDS			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>These pins may be worn by any youth or adult who has at least one year of registered tenure in the BSA. These are a non-restricted item, so if a Unit doesn't award them, one may purchase them as an individual, at the Scout Shop.</p> <p>These are worn by all Scouts and Scouters, with different colored plastic disks as backing, to designate which area of Scouting each one was earned in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ GOLD/YELLOW for Cub Scout Service ▶ GREEN for Boy Scout/Scouts BSA Service ▶ RED for Venturing or Sea Scout Service ▶ BLUE for Adult Scouter Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The backing for adult service is blue, regardless of which program the adult served in.  <p>Discontinued, but still official:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ If a youth was in Tiger Cubs between 1997 and 2001, he may wear a one-year pin with an ORANGE backing. ▶ If a youth was in the Explorers or Exploring programs, they may wear a year pin with a RED backing, the same as for Venturing and Sea Scouts. If a youth was in both programs, they may wear two different year pins with RED backing, to show their tenure in each program. ▶ If a youth was in the Varsity Scouting program, 1984 - 2017, he may wear a BROWN backing. <p>Numbers are available from 1-10 in single years, from 10-60 in ten-year increments, and from 70-90 in five-year increments.</p> <p>Adult Leaders who were served as Cub Scouts and/or Boy Scouts/Scouts BSA as youth may wear individual stars with the appropriate colored backing for each program, or they may combine all of their years into one star with a blue backing. Youth members may <u>not</u> combine tenure from different programs into one star.</p> <p>Two stars with blue backing may be worn by adult Leaders to indicate years between the available pins. e.g. To indicate twelve years of service, one may wear a blue-backed "10" and a blue-backed "2" together, as shown above.</p> <p>These are for permanent uniform wear. They are worn directly above the left pocket, or directly above any Knot Awards above the left pocket.</p>			

UNIT VETERAN FLAG EMBLEM			
			
EARNED BY:			UNITS
<p>NOTE: This is "Veterans" of the BSA, <u>not</u> of the military.</p> <p>The emblem matches the design on the Veteran Award pin (described elsewhere in this document). If your Unit qualifies for a Veteran Unit Award bar, then it also qualifies for this emblem. You may attach the emblem on your Unit flag, centered on the color change, and half-way between the exiting logo and the hoist or staff side of the flag. You may purchase two emblems, and place one on either side of the flag, or use only one emblem on one side. You should never have more than one emblem on the same side of your flag.</p> <p>According to Scoutstuff.org, if you purchase a new flag for your Unit, and your Unit qualifies, you can order Veteran Unit Flag Emblems at no additional charge.</p>			


VETERAN UNIT AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
<p>NOTE: This is "Veterans" of the BSA, <u>not</u> of the military.</p> <p>Members of a Unit which has maintained a continuous registration with the BSA for the required number of years may wear the appropriate Veteran Unit Award strip. These strips may be worn as separate patches, or the strip may be incorporated into the Unit's numeral patch, as shown. If worn as a separate patch, it is placed directly above the Unit's numeral patch on the uniform.</p>			

VETERAN AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>NOTE: This is "Veterans" of the BSA, <u>not</u> of the military.</p> <p>The Veteran Award is an adult recognition. However, tenure earned as a youth may be included in the total number of years registered. Years of tenure need not be continuous. Adults must be currently registered to receive this award.</p> <p>Adults must have a minimum of five years of tenure, as a registered member of the BSA. The pins are available in five-year increments, from 5-80. Awards for 5-20 years are processed by the local Council. Awards of 25 years and greater are processed by the National Council.</p> <p>An application, listing one's complete registration record, must be completed and submitted when applying for veteran status for the first time. Applications for the next level of tenure should only list registrations since the previous award.</p> <p>This pin is for "civilian wear" only. It is NOT for uniform wear.</p>			

MEMORIAL GOLD STAR AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			UNITS
<p>NOTE: This award, unlike the other BSA "Veteran Awards" <u>DOES</u> pertain to the military.</p> <p>Gold stars may be affixed to the unit flag indicating members of the unit who died in the service of their country. The stars should be placed along the hoist or staff edge of the flag, parallel to the staff, with the bottom star 6 inches from the staff edge and 6 inches from the bottom edge; subsequent stars to be placed proportionately on that line, up to the place assigned to the Unit Veteran Flag Emblem</p>			


BSA ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD			
 			
EARNED BY:			
<p>The Boy Scouts of America Council Alumnus of the Year Award is the Scouting Alumni Association's highest council recognition. The award was established to recognize alumni of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) who, over a sustained period of time, have used the skills and values they learned through their association with Scouting to make significant and long-lasting contributions to their local communities through their careers, avocations, and Scouting.</p> <p>A Scouter or organization must be nominated by the proper committee in their local council. The local council makes the selection(s) and selects the recipient(s).</p> <p>Earning this award entitles a Scouter to wear the Alumni Award Knot. The Knot is not the award, but simply represents the actual award that was earned.</p>			


TORCH OF GOLD AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>The Torch of Gold is a council-level distinguished award of the Boy Scouts of America to recognize adults for exceptional service and leadership in working with Scouts who have disabilities. Each Council may award only one of these per year.</p> <p>One must be nominated for this award.</p>			






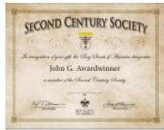
WOODS SERVICES AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>A nominee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and have three or more years of service in any Scouting capacity related to Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and/or Venturers with disabilities. ▸ Have done all Scouting activities related to Scouts <p>The award is a personalized, engraved plaque.</p> <p>According to the application: "The Boy Scouts of America may present this prestigious award to one adult each year for his/her exceptional service to Scouts with disabilities." There is only ONE of these awarded each year.</p> <p>The candidate must be nominated.</p>			

NORTH STAR AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			NON - SCOUTERS
<p>This award is for non-Scouters only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Councils, regions, areas, and national may use this award to recognize individuals for significant contributions such as contributing land for a new service center or for the CPA who has served the council for years or for use at a Distinguished Citizen Awards program. ▸ This award is on par with the Silver Beaver, which recognizes registered Scouters for their distinguished service. ▸ An individual who was previously registered with the BSA but is currently not registered is eligible to receive this award. However, any contributions made as a registered Scouter cannot and must not be considered. Only those contributions made as a non-Scouter may be considered for the North Star Award 			

COMMISSIONER ARROWHEAD HONOR			
			
EARNED BY:			COMMISSIONERS
<p>May be earned by Council Commissioners, Assistant Council Commissioners, District Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners, Roundtable Commissioners, and Unit Commissioners.</p> <p>The requirements vary, depending upon the position served.</p> <p>This award is approved for permanent uniform wear. It's worn on the left sleeve, immediately below either the Council Strip, or the Commissioner's position badge.</p>			

ELBERT K. FRETWELL OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD			
			
EARNED BY:			SEE BELOW
<p>While this award can be earned by registered Scouters, it's designed to recognize those who may not be eligible to receive other BSA awards.</p> <p>The Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award is presented to people who make their students better people by modeling and teaching Scouting values. While academic excellence may be a part of that, the main emphasis is on values. This award recognizes what a person does for students in their professional role within education and not for what the person does directly for Scouting.</p> <p>The Fretwell Award is not exclusively for classroom teachers. Any school employee who is equipping students to make moral and ethical choices is eligible for this award. This could be a teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria worker, attendance clerk, resource officer, teacher's aide, or any number of others.</p> <p>This award is by nomination only. Any of the above mentioned may be nominated, and they may be nominated by anyone, including students, parents, coworkers, or any other adult.</p> <p>This award may be presented at the District, Council, Territorial, or National levels.</p>			

SPIRIT OF THE EAGLE	
	
EARNED BY:	YOUTH MEMBERS - POSTHUMOUSLY ONLY
<p>This is one award we never want to use, but, if the need ever arises, units should be aware of its existence. There is no patch, the Scout's family receives a personalized certificate.</p> <p>"The BSA has created the Spirit of the Eagle Award as an honorary, posthumous special recognition for a registered youth member who has lost his or her life in an accident or through illness.</p> <p>This award is bestowed by the National Court of Honor as part of the celebration of life of this young person. It recognizes the joy, happiness, and life-fulfilling experiences the Scouting program made in this person's life.</p> <p>The intention is also to help heal and comfort the youth member's family, loved ones, and friends with their loss.</p> <p>Because the Scouting program was so appreciated, loved, and enjoyed by the youth, this award will serve as a reflection of the family's and friends' wishes as a final salute and tribute to their departed loved one."</p> <p>To apply for this award, the unit committee submits an application to the National Court of Honor, along with signed approval from their local Council.</p>	

ENDOWMENT AWARDS			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Bronze \$1,000+ </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Silver \$5,000+ </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Gold \$10,000+ </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Diamond \$15,000+ </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  \$100,000 \$500,000 \$1,000,000 </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>			
EARNED BY:			LEADERS
<p>The West Fellowship Award is available for gifts of \$1,000 or more to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to, and not replace or diminish, the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support.</p> <p>There is a nomination form, but it appears one may nominate oneself for this award. Simply making the monetary gift is the only requirement for this award.</p> <p>This Knot may also be purchased in someone else's name, with the purchaser either known or anonymous, to honor a Scout or fellow Scouter.</p> <p>There are four different pins, depending upon the amount of the gift. Receiving any of the pins entitles one to wear the Knot Award.</p>			
<p>The Second Century Society, SCS, is the Boy Scouts of America's national social organization of individuals, families, foundations, and corporations stewarded by key volunteers and implemented by the Boy Scouts of America National Foundation.</p> <p>Established in 2011, SCS, is designed to replace the 1910 Society and Founders Circle as the way to recognize Scouting's major donors at both the local and national levels.</p> <p>Qualifying gifts to be recognized as a Second Century Society member have a broader definition than Scouting's major gift recognition in the past. These gifts include an outright gift of \$25,000 or more payable over five years, or a deferred gift of \$100,000 or more to a local council, the Boy Scouts of America Foundation, high-adventure base or any Scouting entity for operating, capital, or endowment.</p>			

DEVICES FOR SQUARE KNOT AWARDS



EARNED BY:	CUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS BSA	LEADERS
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These are small pins, which are used on some of the Square Knot Awards. They're used by youth on the Religious Square Knot, and by adult Leaders on the following:

- ▶ Cub Scout Den Leader Training Award
- ▶ Scouter's Training Award
- ▶ Unit Leader's Award of Merit
- ▶ Key Award
- ▶ William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award

These knots may be earned more than once, at different times. Since one may only wear one of any particular Knot Award patch, the devices are used to designate which of the various levels or areas one earned one's knot in.

E.g. If an adult Leader were to earn the Scouter's Training Award as a Cub Scout Leader, and then earn it again as a Scouts BSA Leader, one would only wear one knot badge. However, one would wear a Cub Scout device, and a Scouts BSA device, pinned through that knot badge. If one were to then earn it as a Venturing Leader, one would then add a Venturing device pin.

Since the Youth Religious Awards can have up to four different levels, each earned at a different age, a Cub or Scout who earned their Religious Square Knot Award would wear only one knot badge, and then whichever devices are appropriate for when it was earned.

These devices are pinned through the appropriate Knot Award badge, and centered on that badge.

NOTE: I've heard a rumor that these are being discontinued.

ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD



COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Red over Green	Tan	Yellow

EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED LEADER WHO EARNED THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD AS A SCOUT
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WEBELOS and Scouts wear the actual Arrow of Light badge. Adults, who earned Arrow of Light as a youth, wear the Knot.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD



COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Red & White & Blue	Tan	Tan

EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED LEADER WHO IS AN EAGLE SCOUT.
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Scouts wear the actual Eagle rank badge. Adults, who earned Eagle as a youth, wear the Knot. Palms or the Distinguished Eagle Scout device may be worn on this Knot.


NESA LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD




COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Red & White & Blue	Tan	Silver


EARNED BY:	ANY EAGLE SCOUT WHO IS A LIFE MEMBER OF NESA
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Show your NESA (National Eagle Scout Association) Life Membership card at a Scout Shop, and you may purchase this knot. Palms or the Distinguished Eagle Scout device may be worn on this Knot.


YOUTH RELIGIOUS SQUARE KNOT			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Silver</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Purple</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Purple</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED YOUTH		
Complete any of the P.R.A.Y. programs or other religious awards programs, for a BSA recognized religion. This award may be earned four times by the Scout, at different ages. Devices (small pins) are worn to show the various levels at which it was earned.			


ADULT RELIGIOUS SQUARE KNOT			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Purple</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Silver</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Silver</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED LEADER		
The Leader must be nominated by both their religious organization and the BSA. Self-nomination is not allowed. Leaders who also earned the Youth Religious Square Knot may wear both Knots.			


DEN LEADER TRAINING AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Yellow</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Blue</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Blue</div>
EARNED BY:	TIGER THROUGH WEBELOS CUB DEN LEADERS		
Complete one year as a registered Den Leader for any den level, Tiger through Webelos, and other requirements. Devices are used to indicate the position the award was earned in.			

SCOUTER'S TRAINING AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Green</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED LEADER IN CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS BSA, VARSITY SCOUTS, VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS, OR ROUNDTABLE STAFF		
Complete two years as a registered leader in any of the above positions. Other requirements vary with the position held. May be earned multiple times in different positions. Devices are used to indicate the position the award was earned in. This award has replaced a number of discontinued, program specific training awards.			

SCOUTER'S KEY AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">White over Green</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	CUBMASTER, SCOUTMASTER, VENTURING ADVISOR, SEA SCOUT SKIPPER, VARSITY COACH, DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS (see below)		
Complete three years, within a five year period, as a registered leader in any of the above positions. Other requirements vary with the position held. May be earned multiple times in different positions. Devices are used to indicate the position the award was earned in. May be earned by the following Commissioners: District Commissioner, Council & Assistant Council Commissioners, District & Assistant District Commissioners, Roundtable Commissioners, and Unit Commissioners.			


UNIT LEADER'S AWARD OF MERIT			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Gold</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Blue</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Gold</div>
EARNED BY:	CUBMASTER, SCOUTMASTER, SEA SCOUT SKIPPER, OR VENTURING ADVISER		
Complete eighteen months as a registered leader in any of the above positions. Devices are used to indicate the position the award was earned in. Other requirements vary with the position held.			


DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Silver Overhand</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Blue</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Silver</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
Awarded for service to youth in the District "above and beyond". The recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA, and must be nominated.			

SILVER BEAVER AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">White over Blue</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
Awarded for outstanding service to youth within a BSA Council. The recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA, and must be nominated.			


SILVER ANTELOPE AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">White over Orange</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
Awarded for outstanding service to youth within a BSA Service Territory. There are sixteen National Service Territories within the BSA. The recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA, and must be nominated.			


SILVER BUFFALO AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">White over Red</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY ADULT		
Awarded to those who give noteworthy & extraordinary service to youth. The service must be national in character and can be connected with the BSA or independent. The recipient does not need to be a member of the BSA, but they must be nominated.			


SILVER WORLD AWARD			
			
COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Blue Globe with three White Stars	Red & White Striped	Dark Green
EARNED BY:	ALMOST ANYONE <u>OTHER</u> THAN A REGISTERED BSA MEMBER		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded to those who give distinguished service to youth on an international basis. Public nominations are not accepted. This award is used by the executive leadership of the BSA for recognition of world leaders in International Scouting.The award may be presented to citizens of any country whose Scout association is a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, in recognition of his or her service of exceptional character to the youth of his or her own country, or on an international basis.The recipient does not have to be a member of a Scout association. United States citizens may receive the Silver World Award for international service to youth, provided they are not registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.			


WILLIAM D. BOYCE NEW UNIT ORGANIZER AWARD			
			
COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Silver	Yellow, Green & Red	Tan
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
<p>Awarded to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units (Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, or Ship). This award can be earned up to four times, and a device pin, representing the type of unit formed, may be added to the knot for each additional time.</p> <p>As of 2019, this may be awarded to multiple Scouters who worked on organizing the same unit.</p>			


JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP AWARD			
			
COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Yellow over Green	Tan	Red
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
<p>This is the only Square Knot award that one can just "buy." Donate \$1000 to your Council's West Fellowship Fund, and it's yours, there are no other requirements.</p> <p>This Knot may be purchased in someone else's name, with the purchaser either known or anonymous, to honor a Scout or fellow Scouter.</p>			


COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AWARD			
			
COLORS:	KNOT	FIELD	BORDER
	Yellow	Purple	Yellow
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER WHO EARNED A SPECIFIED AWARD FROM AN APPROVED "EXTERNAL" COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION		
<p>There are various "external" organizations that qualify, among them are Lions Clubs, American Legion, VFW, Masons, Elks, Military Volunteers, and others.</p> <p>This Square Knot is similar to the Religious Award Knots, as it's not actually an award, but rather represents that the wearer has earned an award from another organization.</p>			


ALUMNI AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Red, Blue & Yellow</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Silver</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Gold</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
Complete the requirements to re-engage and recruit inactive alumni. The "Alumni" must be currently registered with the BSA.			


MEDAL OF MERIT AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow over Blue</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	THOSE WHO EARNED THE NATIONAL COURT OF HONOR — MEDAL OF MERIT		
The Square Knot Award represents the actual medal. Medals are normally worn only for a Court of Honor or other formal occasion. The Knot may be worn at all times.			


MEDAL OF HEROISM AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">White</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">White</div>
EARNED BY:	THOSE WHO EARNED THE NATIONAL COURT OF HONOR — MEDAL OF HEROISM		
The Square Knot Award represents the actual medal. Medals are normally worn only for a Court of Honor or other formal occasion. The Knot may be worn at all times.			



HONOR MEDAL AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Tan</div>
EARNED BY:	THOSE WHO EARNED THE NATIONAL COURT OF HONOR — HONOR MEDAL OR HONOR MEDAL WITH CROSSED PALMS		
The Square Knot Award represents the actual medal. Medals are normally worn only for a Court of Honor or other formal occasion. The Knot may be worn at all times.			


SCOUTING SERVICE AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="text-align: center;">White over Tan</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Black</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow & Red</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER WHO EARNED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AWARDS		
<p>This is presented to any registered Scouter who has earned one of these five different awards, each celebrating a leader's dedication to a special segment of Scouting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award ▸ ¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Service Award ▸ Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award ▸ American Indian Scouting Association Grey Wolf Award ▸ Special Needs Scouting Service Award <p>These five awards are described elsewhere in this document.</p>			


INTERNATIONAL SCOUTER AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">White over Purple</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Tan</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Purple</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
Recognizes those who participate in World Scouting events. Complete any six of the requirements, from at least three different categories.			


VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Silver</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Green, Red & Blue</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Silver</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED VENTURER OR VENTURING ADVISOR		
Complete one year as a registered Venturer or Venturing Advisor and other requirements.			


VENTURING SUMMIT AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Silver</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Green & White</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Silver</div>
EARNED BY:	VENTURING SCOUTS		
Complete one year as a registered Venturing Scout and other requirements.			
This is Venturing's highest rank. It replaces the discontinued Silver Award (and uses the same Knot patch).			


SEA SCOUTS QUARTERMASTER AWARD			
 			
COLORS: (2 Variations)	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Blue</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">White</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">White</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Black</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">White</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Black</div>
EARNED BY:	SEA SCOUTS		
Complete eighteen months as a registered Sea Scout and other requirements.			
This is the highest award in the Sea Scouts program. The two Knots are the same award, you wear the one that matches the color of your uniform.			


ORDER OF THE ARROW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">White</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; text-align: center;">Red</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY ORDER OF THE ARROW MEMBER		
Awarded for service to the Order of the Arrow "above and beyond". Must be nominated.			


DISTINGUISHED COMMISSIONER SERVICE AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Silver</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Silver</div>
EARNED BY:	COUNCIL, ASSISTANT COUNCIL, DISTRICT, ASSISTANT DISTRICT, UNIT, ROUNDTABLE, OR HUDDLE COMMISSIONERS		
Be registered as a commissioner now, or within the last five years, complete necessary training and other requirements. One must be nominated for this award, by a currently registered BSA adult member.			


COMMISSIONER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN COMMISSIONER SERVICE			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Yellow</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Yellow</div>
EARNED BY:	REGISTERED COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING UNIT SERVICE		
Complete performance, participation, and training requirements over a two-year period. This award may be earned up to three times, at the same or a different level of commissioner. The Square Knot patch is awarded the first time its earned, and devices for subsequent times. NOTE: I couldn't find anything on <i>which</i> devices.			

DOCTORATE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Grey</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Yellow</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED COMMISSIONER		
To recognize completion of a standardized program leading to the completion of a thesis or project, and the award of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science. Serve as a Commissioner for five years and complete other requirements.			

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER MASTER TRACK AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Red</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Yellow</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Yellow</div>
EARNED BY:	ANY REGISTERED SCOUTER		
For trainees and trainers at Philmont Training Center. There are three "Tracks": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend the PTC as a participant - earn a PTC Conference patch. ▶ Take another PTC course, and other requirements - earn the Square Knot. ▶ Take another PTC course, and other requirements - earn a device for your Square Knot. 			

PROFESSIONAL CIRCLE TRAINING AWARD			
			
COLORS:	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">KNOT</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Black</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">FIELD</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">White</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">BORDER</div> <div style="border-top: 1px dashed black; border-bottom: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Black</div>
EARNED BY:	PROFESSIONAL (PAID) SCOUTERS		
May be earned by Associate District Executives, District Executives, Senior District Executives, Exploring Executives, Senior Exploring Executives, District Directors, and Field Directors. This Knot has two levels: the Professional Circle and the Fellowship Honor. One must earn the Professional Circle first. When one earns the Fellowship Honor, one may add a BSA Device to the Knot Award.			

BSA DISTINGUISHED CONSERVATION SERVICE AWARD			
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COLORS:	----- KNOT ----- Green & Blue & White	----- FIELD ----- Tan	----- BORDER ----- Tan
EARNED BY:	SCOUTS BSA, VENTURERS, SEA SCOUTS, LEADERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS		
This <u>was</u> the Square Knot for the William T. Hornaday Award. That award has been discontinued, and replaced with the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. I've found conflicting information on if this Square Knot will be used for the new program.			

WILLIAM H. SPURGEON III AWARD - possibly discontinued			
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COLORS:	----- KNOT ----- Gold	----- FIELD ----- Dark Green	----- BORDER ----- Gold
EARNED BY:	THIS IS/WAS A PART OF THE EXPLORER PROGRAM		
I found conflicting information on this Knot. It appears the award may still exist, but there might no longer be a Knot patch for it.			