

Council Distinguished Alumnus Award



Scouting teaches many things to not only the Scouts participating within the program but also to those who help those young people along the way. Once learned, many take these skills and apply them to their daily lives, especially their vocation and other avocations in life.

The Council Distinguished Alumnus Award is granted by the BSA Alumni association, through recommendation of the local council's Alumni committee. This prestigious recognition honors those Alumni who have distinguished themselves through their positive actions, accomplishments, and devotion to their profession, hobby, community, and beliefs.

Each recipient's record of distinguished service and accomplishments should elevate the public stature and reputation of Scouting overall by the nominee's association with Scouting. Service to Scouting is not required: many worthy recipients may not have been involved since their time as a young person.

1. Council Distinguished Alumnus Award Nominee

Name as it should appear on the certificate _____ Birth Date _____

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home / Cell _____ Business Phone _____

Email Address _____

2. Council Information

Council Name _____ Council # _____

City _____ State _____ CST# _____

3. Submitted by

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

4. Council Approval

Scout Executive _____ Council President _____

Council Alumni Committee Chair / Vice President of Membership _____

5. Describe how the nominee has achieved distinction:

National Office Confirmation

Before a Distinguished Alumnus Award nominee may be notified, all applications must be submitted to the national office. Approval is based on the date the application is received at the national office, not the date the council approves the application. The nominee will not be recognized as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient until the application has been filed with the national office and approved credentials returned to the council.

Eligibility

All Distinguished Alumnus Award recipients must be Alumni in good standing with the Boy Scouts of America and must either be registered with or have their primary residence within the boundaries of the nominating council. No length of time is required to have passed since becoming an Alumnus. Examples of possible recipients include:

- Local heroes and celebrities at the peak of their notoriety whose achievements outside of Scouting have touched and inspired others.
- Philanthropists, public servants, educators, or business owners who have made a positive, long-term impact as cornerstones of the community.
- Individuals who have attained prominence at the local, state, or regional level in their profession or avocation—an avocation being any activity including, but not limited to, athletics, hobbies, collecting, outdoor adventure, and record - setting activities.
- If an Alumnus is an Eagle Scout, the council should first consider the nominee for a NOESA or DESA.
- Each recipient's actions and accomplishments should elevate the stature of Scouting in the public eye, and each recipient shall be held to the standards set forth in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and national BSA standards for membership.

Guidelines for Approving a Nomination

- Nominees may earn the Distinguished Alumni Award one time only.
- The Distinguished Alumni Award may not be granted posthumously.

Submitting a Nomination

Councils should email nominations to BSA.Alumni@scouting.org. If submitting multiple nominations, each nomination should be saved as a separate PDF.

Reporting Recipients

Upon completion of the nomination form by the local Alumni committee, the Council will submit the completed application to the BSA Alumni Association, located in the national office of the Boy Scouts of America. Upon verification and approval of the contents of the nomination, the national office will provide a digital copy of a personalized certificate and instructions on where to purchase other recognition items. Please allow two to four weeks for turnaround time. The recipient's name will be nationally recognized on the Alumni website or in other Alumni publications.

Presentation

The Distinguished Alumnus Award presentation should be conducted with the highest level of honor. Often, these individuals have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs, at great sacrifice to themselves and their families, and each recipient should receive recognition worthy of a lifetime's accomplishments.

Award Items

Personalized Digital certificate are provided by the BSA Alumni Association in receipt of this nomination.

Councils may purchase the Distinguished Alumni Award lapel pin, and statue on the National Supply Group B2B website, or by calling customer service at 1-800-323-0736. The item numbers are lapel pin (?????), and device (?????).