

ANNUAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

District Award of Merit – This is a Council award given at the District level. It is the highest honor a District can bestow upon one of its members, usually for years of dedicated service. The number given is determined by the number of registered units in the District.

(1 – 2 awarded per year) See description on page 2.

Award is: Plaque, framed certificate, overhand knot for uniform

Lone Star Scouter Award – Awarded to individuals who have continued service to the District for an extended period. (Approximately 6 – 12 awarded per year)

Award is: Framed certificate

Distinguished Scouter Award – Awarded to Scouters in the District who have shown outstanding leadership or service to Units, to the District, training, etc. All registered Scouters within the District may be considered for this award. (Approximately 12 – 24 awarded per year)

Award is: Ceramic mug

The following give one award each:

Charter Organization of the Year – Presented to a Charter Organization that has shown outstanding service in the support of its Units and/or service to the District.

Award is: Plaque

Scouting Family of the Year – Recognizes one family which has shown total involvement in the Scouting program.

Award is: Plaque

Herman Swift Award – This award is not necessarily given every year. Recognizes Scouters who have excelled in community service independent of Scouting.

Award is: Plaque

Michael Griffin Lifetime Achievement Award – This award is not necessarily given every year. Recognizes outstanding and sustained service to the Cradle of Texas District and/or Bay Area Council.

Award is: Ceramic mug

- Who is eligible?

Any Scouter that has been volunteering at the District and/or Council level at least 15 years.

- Note: Usually this person has already received the District Award of Merit.

District Award of Merit General Information

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year. It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award. A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

Requirements

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.

Note: The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

3. Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee’s attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. There is a special form to be completed for this award.