

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFESAVING or MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARD

(Review the procedure on the back page.)

A committee of the _____ Council, No. _____, Region _____

City _____ State _____ has interviewed

Name _____ Age at time of action _____

Parent's name _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The candidate is registered as a Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, Webelos Scout,
Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or adult (circle one) in _____ No.
(pack, troop, team, crew, ship)

Chartered organization _____

of City _____ State _____

Rank at time of action _____ If an adult, indicate present office in Scouting _____

Upon consideration of the evidence submitted from all sources, as set forth in this application, we respectfully recommend that the National Court of Honor grant the award checked below. Note: If the action being considered is deserving of merit but does not qualify for a national award, do not submit this form. You may want to write a letter conveying the commendation of the committee. Local Council Certificate of Merit, No. 33732, is suitable for this purpose.

- LIFESAVING AWARDS** (See clause 1 on page 2.)
These awards recognize the attempt to save life and an accompanying measure of risk to self.
- 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.**
 - Heroism Award.** Has demonstrated heroism and skill in averting serious injury or saving or attempting to save life at **minimum risk to self.**

- MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARDS** (See clause 2 on page 2.)
These awards recognize notable acts of service that need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals.
- 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.

DEFINITIONS
Heroism. Conduct exhibiting courage, daring, skill, and self-sacrifice.

Skill. The ability to use one's knowledge effectively in execution or performance. Special attention is given to skills learned in Scouting.

PERSONAL SIGNATURES, COUNCIL COMMITTEE
(At least three signatures are required.)

(Chairman)

I certify that the individual recommended for recognition was a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America at the time of the action described herein and that the procedure outlined on the back of this form has been followed.

Attest _____ (Scout executive) _____ (Date)

REQUIRED DATA FOR ALL CASES

Name of individual recommended for recognition _____

Age at time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Name of rescued person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Age at time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Name and location of place where action occurred _____

Date and time of incident: Date _____ Time _____

Enclosed are the following personally prepared and signed statements which are required for all cases: (Type all handwritten statements and staple to originals.)

- Personally prepared and signed statement by person performing action, describing the incident.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by the rescued person, if any.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by each witness, describing the action as he or she recalls the details. Include name, address, and phone number of all witnesses.
- Glossy photo of the individual who made the rescue (5" x 7" desired.)
- Summary by the council committee of the event as described on page 5.
- Letter explaining the delay in submitting this recommendation. (Required only if this recommendation will arrive at the National Court of Honor more than six months after the date of the action. It should be signed by the Scout executive or adviser to the lifesaving and meritorious action committee.)

ARTICLE X—SECTION 5—RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

LIFESAVING AND MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARDS

CLAUSE 1. Lifesaving Awards. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader of the Boy Scouts of America where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that he or she saved or attempted to save life under circumstances which indicate heroism and risk to self. The court will give consideration to resourcefulness and to demonstrated skill in rescue methods. In no case shall recognition be given where it appears that the risk involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation because of responsibility to supervise and give leadership to the persons whose lives were saved. The awards are:

- Honor Medal With Crossed Palms.** The Honor Medal With Crossed Palms may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at *extreme* risk to self.
- Honor Medal.** The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at *considerable* risk to self.
- Heroism Award.** The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in averting serious injury or saving or attempting to save life at *minimum* risk to self.

CLAUSE 2. Meritorious Action Awards. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that a significant or outstanding act of service, of an *exceptional character*, was performed. The action taken need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but must put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals. Recognition shall not be given where it appears that the action involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation. The awards are:

- Medal of Merit.** The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who 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.** The National Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition.

CLAUSE 3. All applications should be submitted to the National Court of Honor through the local council upon duly prescribed forms, and it shall be within the discretion of the National Court of Honor to determine which type of recognition, if any, shall be given. Recipients of these awards must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America at the time the action was performed. Awards are made in the name of the Boy Scouts of America.