

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

SCOUT OF THE YEAR Entry Form

Photograph of Scout in complete correct uniform for their current rank must be attached to this form. Recommended Size 3"x5" (No additional photos)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Candidate Must:

- ▶ Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship. **AND**
- ▶ Has received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- ▶ Has demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community.
- ▶ Has reached his/her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- ▶ Has submitted his/her complete entry to a VFW Post in his/her community.

Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. And a scout can only enter through ONE VFW Post.

PLEASE NOTE - DEADLINES

- ▶ A candidate can locate a sponsoring VFW Post by contacting VFW Department (state) Headquarters as listed at: www.vfw.org
- ▶ Deadline for entry to VFW Post: **March 1st**
- ▶ All candidates with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the Department's (state) National VFW Scouting Team representative or Department Commander by **April 1st**.
- ▶ The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their National Scouting Team member to the National VFW organization by **May 1st**.

National Scouting Team Member

Tele. No. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

DOB: _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
(Day/Mo./Yr.) (Optional)

Home Phone No.: () _____

Scout Troop Number _____

MUST SUBMIT APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

SPONSORING VFW POST

(Post Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Post Commander's Name)

District Certification (if applicable)

District # _____

District Cmdr. _____

Department Certification

(Must be completed by Dept VFW National Scouting Team Member or Dept. Commander)

Department: _____

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
SCOUT OF THE YEAR
Application Instructions



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SCOUT OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE:

Section A -- HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION RECORD - Please submit a resume of your high school activities (grades 9-12) including an indication of academic achievement, offices held, honors received, and a one sentence statement of the significance of your participation in each activity. This resume should be on a single 8.5 X 11" page, one side only.

Section B – ENTIRE SCOUTING RECORD - List your complete scouting record to include years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Include information on when your Eagle Award, Gold Award, Silver Award, or Quartermaster was received and Palms. Include any leadership positions held at all levels; list other Scouting activities you have participated in such as Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc...and succinctly describe your Eagle, Gold, Silver, Venture, or Quartermaster Project. This resume should be on a maximum of three (3) 8.5 X 11" pages, one side only.

Section C – COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD - Use one page to list community service and religious organizations in which you have participated outside of high school and Scouting and the activities that you were involved with as a part of these organizations. Note any leadership positions held and any accolades received. This resume should be on a single 8.5 X 11" page, one side only.

Section D – LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The screening committee will carefully review the letters submitted. **Only five (5) letters considered.** One letter each from your school, community, and a scout leader must be submitted. Two additional letters are allowed from other individuals within your community who may have a special knowledge of your abilities and/or accomplishments. *The screening committee will only consider five (5) letters at most. (Note: Letters should not exceed 2 pages.)*

- ▶ Please be sure to use only this form when applying. Any other form or format will not be accepted into the competition.
- ▶ Please follow the procedures and requirements as written, to ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible. **(Note: All entries must be typewritten.)**
- ▶ All applications must be submitted to a VFW Post for initial consideration. The VFW Post will then submit to the Department for consideration as the Department winner.

AUTHORIZATION

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the national winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SCOUT/VENTURE SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout is an active member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

UNIT LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the national winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FATHER, MOTHER OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

_____ **Date** _____