

# RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

## NOMINATE A DESERVING VOLUNTEER TODAY!



Scouting Arizona values the dedication and passion of our volunteers. We're excited to honor their contributions to the Scouting program and our broader community. Help us celebrate these outstanding individuals by submitting a nomination for recognition at our Council Recognition and Fellowship event next February 2026! **We are proud to present the 2025 Council Honors Awards, featuring 8 prestigious honors:**

- **North Star:** Recognizes non-Scouters for significant contributions, consider community standing and youth service.
- **Silver Beaver:** Honor for impactful council-level service, including leadership roles, event management, and statewide influence. (Achievements in training, Scouting recognition, outstanding service, and community standing are considered.)
- **Award of Merit:** Acknowledges Scouters for exceptional service within the council. Eligible candidates in their community (previously, districts) include leaders in council and unit roles. (This is typically a Scouter's first council honor.)
- **BSA Alumnus of the Year:** Recognizes exceptional service to the alumni movement on a council-wide basis.
- **Commissioner/Coach Award of Excellence in Unit Service:** Awarded to a Community Commissioner or Unit Coach who provides exemplary unit service to a unit.
- **Distinguished Commissioner/Coach:** Honors a Community Commissioner or Unit Coach for outstanding service that significantly benefits youth, units, and/or the council. (Highest award for a Community Commissioner or Unit Coach.)
- **Meritorious Star Service Star:** Presented in the same manner as the Silver Beaver—a national award presented by councils—this award recognizes Scouters who have rendered outstanding service at the unit, council, or overall level. It typically follows the Award of Merit and precedes the Silver Beaver.
- **Distinguished Service Star:** A lifetime achievement award, presented in the same manner as the Silver Beaver—a national award presented by councils. It is the highest council honor for most volunteers and recognizes Scouters who have rendered outstanding service at the unit, council, or overall level.

### HOW TO NOMINATE:

Know a great volunteer? Scan the QR code or visit [support.scoutingaz.org/main/council-awards](https://support.scoutingaz.org/main/council-awards) to nominate a volunteer and get more details!

**Nominations are due by October 15, 2025.** Questions?  
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