

## Scouting America - Aloha Council Oahu - District Awards Guide

This guide outlines the District-level awards available for recognizing outstanding volunteer adult leaders who embody the values of Scouting America and the Aloha Council. Use this guide to help identify and nominate deserving individuals for annual recognition within the Komohana and Hikina Districts. Awardees will be recognized at the annual Oahu Volunteer Recognition Dinner, normally held in March of the following year. Award nominations must be submitted not later than the last workday in January to allow the awards board sufficient time to review submission and select awardees.

### **Chartered Organization Representative of the Year** – *Universal Aloha Council Awards nomination form*

Recognizes a chartered organization representative (AKA Chartered Org Rep) and their chartered organization for actively supporting their unit or units and promoting Scouting values in their community. Together, they help create a strong partnership with the unit, offer guidance when needed, provide a welcoming meeting space, and encourage youth and adult success. They consistently model the Scout Oath and Law by demonstrating trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, and a commitment to serving the community and supporting Scouting in a positive and meaningful way.

### **Committee Chair of the Year** – *Universal Aloha Council Awards nomination form*

Recognizes a Committee Chair who provides exceptional leadership, organization, communication and support of their unit committee and unit. This nominee supports the unit behind the scenes, keeps programs moving smoothly, and mentors other volunteers to enable their unit's success. They model the Scout Oath and Law by demonstrating honesty, kindness, responsibility, and a commitment to serving others in everything they do.

### **Cubmaster of the Year** – *Universal Aloha Council Awards nomination form*

Recognizes a Cubmaster who has gone above and beyond to deliver an exceptional Cub Scouting experience. This leader embodies the spirit of Scouting through creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication to both youth and families. The recipient consistently plans engaging pack meetings, supports den leaders, encourages family involvement, and inspires Scouts to live the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.

### **Scoutmaster of the Year** – *Universal Aloha Council Awards nomination form*

Honors a Scoutmaster who provides outstanding leadership and mentorship to the youth in their troop. This award celebrates a Scoutmaster who exemplifies servant leadership, promotes a strong youth-led program, and ensures every Scout has opportunities to grow in character, citizenship, and fitness. The recipient models the Scout Oath and Law daily, encourages

advancement, and cultivates an environment where Scouts thrive through outdoor adventure and service. \*Venturing Crew Advisors and Ship Skippers are eligible to be nominated for this award\*

**District Award of Merit** – *This nomination requires use of the National form for District Award of Merit. Please use that form.*

The highest honor a district can bestow upon a Scouting volunteer, the District Award of Merit recognizes a Scouter who has rendered distinguished service to youth at both the unit and district levels. Recipients demonstrate exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact beyond their immediate role, strengthening Scouting in their community and helping others to live out the values of Scouting America.

**Imua Award** - *no more than 3 nominations per unit please. Those who have earned this award with their current unit should not be nominated again.*

Inspired by the Hawaiian word Imua, meaning "to move forward with purpose," this award honors a volunteer that consistently shows progress, perseverance, and the spirit of Aloha within Scouting. The nominee demonstrates a forward-looking attitude, helps others overcome challenges, and strengthens the Scouting program through steady, positive leadership. This award is open to anyone who supports a Scouting unit with Aloha and Scout spirit, even if they are not a registered volunteer.

Examples of individuals who may be nominated include:

- A new or emerging volunteer who quickly becomes dependable, takes initiative, and makes a noticeable impact.
- Someone who regularly demonstrates Scout spirit, positivity, teamwork, and kindness in all interactions.
- An adult who brings encouragement and unity to the unit and helps Scouts and leaders stay motivated.
- A volunteer who quietly supports meetings, activities, or events and keeps things moving forward without expecting recognition.
- A person who actively helps the unit overcome challenges, solve problems, or grow stronger over time.
- An individual who reflects the humility, service mindset, and reliability that embody the spirit of Aloha in Scouting.

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## Nominee Information

Nominee Name:

Unit Type and Number:

Position/Role:

District:

Phone:

## Nominator Information

Your Name:

Unit Type and Number:

District (if applicable):

Phone:

## Award Nomination (check one)

Chartered Org Rep of the Year

Imua Award

Committee Chair of the Year

Scoutmaster of the Year

Cubmaster of the Year

## Reason for Nomination

Please describe why this nominee deserves this recognition. Use the space provided below and any additional space needed. Please give details and be specific so that the awards committee can fully review the nomination.

**Nominator Signature:**

**Date:**

Please email this completed form to [Hannah.Bouslough@Scouting.org](mailto:Hannah.Bouslough@Scouting.org).  
Use subject line: Oahu District Awards Nomination.

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# NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.  
To avoid possible disappointment,  
please do not advise nominee in any  
way of your action in his or her behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_ Council  
\_\_\_\_\_ District  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit

**TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:**

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Currently registered in Scouting as \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify) _____
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date of nomination

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of person making nomination

\_\_\_\_\_ Position in Scouting

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact number

## 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.

## PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
  - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
  - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
  - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
  - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
  - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
  - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
  - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

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District approval

Council approval



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