

# PINE TREE COUNCIL 2023 SILVER BEAVER AWARD NOMINATION PROCEDURES



As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly volunteer, the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the need to acknowledge the invaluable services that men and women render to youth. The recognitions are granted by one's own peers in Scouting for distinguished service to youth. The Silver Beaver Award is intended to acknowledge noteworthy service and exceptional character to youth by Cub Scouters, Scouters, Sea Scouters, and Venturing Leaders.

To learn more about the history of the Silver Beaver award, visit:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/history/silverbeaver.asp>

To nominate a fellow Scouter for this Council-level distinguished service award, you must:

- Obtain a copy of the BSA Silver Beaver nomination form. Forms are available online at: **<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>**
- Complete BSA form to the best of your ability, and per the instructions that accompany the form. The form asks for "Record of Service in the Boy Scouts of America, training courses, Scouting recognition, noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth outside of Scouting, and statements of Nominee's standing in the community." Present clear, precise, well-documented evidence to the Selection Committee. You may request help from your District Key Three as needed.
- Submit the completed nomination form to the Silver Beaver Award Selection Committee anytime before **May 1, 2023**. Contact information can be found below.

### **Tips**

- Don't wait until the last minute! Nomination forms take more time than you think to complete.
- Contact your District Executive for a complete service record from ScoutNET.
- Keep the nomination **confidential** to avoid embarrassment.
- Contact the nominee's spouse or children for a resume or missing details.
- Don't wait too long to follow up with individuals after requesting information or letters of recommendation.

For a complete list of previous Silver Beaver recipients, email Point of Contact Scott Valcourt.

Point of Contact: Scott Valcourt  
Phone: 603-380-2860  
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Pine Tree Council, BSA  
c/o Silver Beaver Selection Committee  
146 Plains Road, Raymond, ME 04071

# Silver Beaver Nomination Instruction and Examples

## Before Submitting

Contact the nominee's Scout unit leaders, district or council leaders (this may include reaching out to other councils for service records), religious leader, fellow members of civic organizations, spouse, and/or Scouts they have worked with over the years. Contact anyone that may help in gathering information to complete the nomination form. Ask for reference letters, they are not required but are helpful to the selection committee.

## For example: Service to God

Jane Smith has been a member of her church for 20 years; she is a good Christian. Not enough information. It is important to identify their religious activities, and not just their faith. Be specific.

Jane Smith has been an active member of St. Stephen's Church for 20 years (1993-2013). During that time, she has expressed her faith by working in the following areas and activities (ensure to include the dates of service for each):

- Sunday school teacher 4 & 5th graders (from – to)
- Served as sexton (from – to)
- Chair of the building committee (from – to)
- Hurricane relief - Fran & Floyd (from – to)

## For example: As a Scouter:

John Doe has been a registered Scouter for 15 years. John started out in Pack 000 as a Den Leader, and is now the Scoutmaster of T000. During his Scouting tenure, John has always stepped up and helped whenever he was needed. He is a loyal Scouter and an excellent example to the adults & youth with which he comes in contact. Over his Scouting career, he has served in the following areas and activities (ensure to include the dates of service for each, i.e., month/year or year:

- Tiger coach (from – to)
- Wolf, Bear and Webelos Leader (from – to)
- Assistant Cubmaster (from – to)
- District Popcorn Chair (from – to)
- District Scouting for Food Coordinator (from – to)
- OA Chapter Adviser (from – to)

## For example: Community Service

- Louisburg Christmas Parade Chairman 1994-1998
- United Way Board Member 2006-present
- Little League Coach 2000-2002
- Friend of the Franklin County Libraries 2004-present
- Captain of the Neighborhood community watch (from – to)
- Salvation Army Bell Ringer (from – to)

Complete sections 1, 2 & 3 as *completely* as possible. If you don't know the exact dates of service (month/year) ensure you verify that the positions served are correct, not forgetting to add any awards received, including Scouting, religious and civic. It is to the nominee's advantage to amplify their service...completeness verses length is paramount. Be sure to add your nomination statement as to why you feel this Scouter should receive the Silver Beaver Award.

**Nominations must be received by May 1. Turn them in to the Council Service Center, your District Executive, or email to [scott@valcourt.org](mailto:scott@valcourt.org).**