

Silver Beaver Award

Nomination Guidelines

The Silver Beaver is national award presented by the Longhouse Council. It is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a volunteer leader by a local council.

The Silver Beaver is awarded for **noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.**

NOMINATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20, 2012 – nominations must be received by 4/20!

Scouters selected to receive the Silver Beaver in 2012 will be honored at the Council Annual Meeting at Camp Woodland on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

As you prepare to nominate an outstanding Scouter for this prestigious honor, please review the following guidelines to ensure your nomination receives full consideration:

- Use the **NEW** nomination form at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf> or on the Council Web site.
- Please carefully read the Rules and Regulations on the last page of the nomination form.
- A Scouter may not nominate himself/herself.
- A family member may not be the sole nominator of a Scouter. (Supplemental nominations or information from family members to support a nomination are welcome.)

It is challenging to nominate a person for the Silver Beaver. We ask for a great deal of information, some of which is difficult to obtain – and certainly hard to gather without the knowledge of the nominee.

- Gather information confidentially – a nominee may not be selected in any given year; it is unfair to prematurely raise hopes and expectations of the nominee
- Do your very best to provide as much data as you can. An otherwise well qualified nominee may be overlooked in the selection process if the nomination package is incomplete or sketchy.
- On the other hand, nomination packages do not have to be book length. We seek to assess the qualities and service of the nominee, not the quality of the paper or the thickness of the package.
- Multiple nominations are welcome – but only to the extent that each nomination reveals new and different information about the nominee. Ten “Joe is a good guy” letters do not enhance a nominee’s package as much as two nominations providing unique insights into a nominee’s Scouting and civic activities.

What is most important in the nomination package?

- Information about the Scouter’s Scouting service – identify where and when the service was performed – and what made it noteworthy
- Information about other recognitions received (especially District Award of Merit, Spurgeon Award, other District awards)
- Training Awards
- Information about other service to youth (non-Scouting), civic, veteran and business affiliations, religious affiliation service and other personal characteristics which make the nominee stand out among his/her peers

NOTE: Although the Silver Beaver is a Scouting award, we ask for information about the nominee’s life outside of Scouting for two reasons – first, to better understand the whole person and his/her contributions to the community, and second, to allow us to share the good news of a Scouter’s receipt of the award with those other organizations.

Questions? Please contact Silver Beaver Committee Chair Dick Blansett, 457-7523; rblanset@twcny.rr.com.