



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

The Silver Beaver is presented for noteworthy service of exceptional character by councils to registered adult volunteers within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: THE LAST FRIDAY OF MARCH: Paper nominations and all supporting materials must be received at the Council Service Center by close of business on the last Friday of March each year. Electronic Nomination Packets are encouraged and will be accepted for the current year up until midnight on the last Friday in March each year. Late submissions are placed as entries for the following year. Electronic Submissions should be sent to,

longhouse@scouting.org

Please use only the nomination form http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf. (Note the underscore between 103 and WB.) You can also link to the form from the Longhouse Council website (www.cnyscouting.org) by selecting "Volunteer Resources," then "Forms," and clicking on the link for National Forms near the top of the page.

Scouters selected to receive the Silver Beaver will be honored at the Council Annual Meeting each June.

Please review the nomination guidelines on the form and the suggestions below.

Nomination Guidelines:

- As you prepare to nominate an outstanding Scouter for this exceptional honor, please review the following guidelines to ensure your nomination places your candidate in the best light for consideration:
- Use the nomination form at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf or link to the form from the Longhouse Council website (www.cnyscouting.org) by selecting “Volunteer Resources,” then “Forms,” and clicking on the link for National Forms.
- Please carefully read the Rules and Regulations on the last page of the nomination form.
- Nominations from outside the family or household carry more weight with the committee and are encouraged.
- It is challenging to nominate a person for the Silver Beaver. The nomination form asks for a great deal of information, some of which may be difficult to obtain – and certainly hard to gather without the knowledge of the nominee.
- Gather information confidentially, as a nominee may not be selected in any given year. It would be unfair to create unfulfilled hopes and expectations for the nominee.
- Do your very best to provide as much data as you can. The candidate is judged on the basis and strength of the nomination. Seek to prepare the highest quality and most complete package to ensure that your candidate is fairly represented.
- Remember it is not the length of the nomination, but the representation of the quality and service history of the candidate that makes a submission more likely to yield a favorable result.
- Multiple nominations are welcome, but should enhance the presentation with additional perspective, insight, or information.

Please remember to include:

- Information about the Scouter’s Scouting service, and identify where and when the service was performed, as well as, what made it noteworthy.
- Information about other recognitions received, including awards within the unit, the district, and the council.
- Details on all 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.

Although the Silver Beaver is a Scouting Award that recognizes outstanding service by adult volunteers; the nomination form also asks for information about the nominee’s life outside of scouting to better understand the individual and depth of his or her contributions to the community.

For questions, please contact the Longhouse Council Silver Beaver Committee Chair at longhouse@scouting.org or call the Council Service Center at 315-463- 0201.