

Black Feather District Awards

General Information

The awards described below were developed for the Black Feather District in the Greater Colorado Council. With the exception of the District Community Award, all awards below are intended for adults registered as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America; referred to as a “Scouter”. This includes any registered position in the District. When referring to ‘unit’, this can be a Pack, Troop, or Crew, in addition to support of District, Council, and Order of the Arrow positions. The District Community Award, identified as the exception, is the only award presented to adult contributors in the community who are not registered in the Boy Scouts of America.

The awards in this document does not include any of the Boy Scouts of America Nominated Awards or Earned Awards identified in “Awards Central”. Nominated Awards include the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and Unit Leader Award of Merit. Earned Awards include Den Leader Training Award, Scouter Training Award, Unit Leader Key Award, etc...”. For details on these awards, visit Awards Central on the Scouting.org web site or contact the District Advancement Chair.

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OUTSTANDING SCOUTER

General Information

The *Outstanding Scouter Award* is a Black Feather District award that is an honor given to those Scouters and Committee Members that have performed outstanding service to their home units during the past year. The Outstanding Scouter recipient is awarded an engraved name tag.

Requirements

- Nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in their home unit or the district during the past calendar year.

Guidelines

Has your nominee made significant or notable contributions to your unit by being involved in positive roles and responsibilities within the unit?

Have they served in key staff roles at unit activities?

Have they been responsible for organizing unit activities?

Have they provided much needed support to other Scouters within the unit at an outstanding level?

FOOTSTEPS OF THE FOUNDER AWARD

General Information

The *Footsteps of the Founder Award* is a Black Feather District award presented to Scouters that have contributed to the success of a unit or units for an extended period of time. The recipient of this award will receive a hiking boot lapel pin.

Requirements

- Nominee must be a registered Scouter
- The nominee through their scouting career has occupied various leadership roles within your unit or a high impact role for an extended period of time.
- The nominee is a valued source of information.
- 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.

Guidelines

Has your nominee made or are they making significant contributions to your unit. or another unit; e.g., have they been a great Cubmaster, or Committee Chairman, or do they get involved in many other positive roles and responsibilities within the unit?

Have they made notable contributions at the District or Council level?

Have they served in key staff roles at District or Council events such as University of Scouting, Wood Badge, Day Camp, Camporee, Klondoree, etc.?

Have they served on the District Committee? Have they been on the District Training Staff?

Outside of Scouting, are they performing service to youth in the community; business, professional, civic, religious, educational fraternal and veterans?



SPIRIT OF POLARIS AWARD

General Information

The *Spirit of Polaris Award* is a Black Feather District award presented to Scouters that have contributed to the success of their home unit and have branched out to supporting District Activities.

Requirements

- Nominee must be a registered Scouter
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in their home units.
- The nominee must be involved in District Activities such as the Roundtable, Pinewood Derby, Klonderee, Camporee, Cub Scout Day Camp, or the District Committee.
- 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.

Guidelines

Has your nominee made or are they making significant contributions to your unit or do they get involved in many other positive roles and responsibilities within the unit?

Has the nominee started working at the District level?

Have they made notable contributions at the District or Council level?

Has the nominee staffed events such as Cub Scout Day Camp, Camporee, Klondoree, etc.?

Have they served on the District Committee or participated as on the District Training Staff?



NOBLE SAGE AWARD

General Information

The *Noble Sage Award* is a Black Feather District award presented to a member of the Scouting Community whose lengthy tenure and expertise has been instrumental to the success of the District with a direct impact on District Goals, Council Goals, and Unit support. They embodied the “Spirit of Scouting” and “Shine the light outward” for the general welfare of Scouting. The selected recipient will be selected from the pool of nominees.

Requirements

- Nominee must be a registered Scouter
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to the District for an extended period
- 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.
- Nominee must have earned the District Award of Merit

Guidelines

Has your nominee made notable contributions at the District or Council level for an extended period of time?

Have they served in key staff roles at District or Council events such as University of Scouting, Wood Badge, Day Camp, Camporee, Klondoree, etc.?

Have they served on the District Committee or District Committees?

Outside of Scouting, are they performing service to youth in the community; business, professional, civic, religious, educational fraternal and veterans?

The Noble Sage Award is in support of the District, as the Footsteps of the Founder Award is in support of the Unit.

DISTRICT COMMUNITY AWARD

General Information

The *District Community Award* is a Black Feather District award recognizing members of the community who have promoted Scouting and Scouting Values.

For example, annual donors to the Black Feather District's Budget, individuals and representatives that consistently provide meeting space, individuals and representatives that provide encouragement to units, beneficiaries that sponsor multiple eagle projects.

This is a nominated award and not all nominees will be awarded. Nominees who are registered scouting volunteers should be considered for other awards such as Spirit of Polaris, District Award of Merit, or Silver Beaver Award.

Requirements

- Nominee must **not** currently be registered in Scouting.
- Must have rendered noteworthy service to scout advancement, scout program, or recruited youth to join scouting or support of youth outside of scouting.
- Nominee must promote the values of Scouting.
- Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

Guidelines

Has your nominee made or are they making significant contributions to your unit or another unit or scouting in general?

Are they performing service to youth in the community; business, professional, civic, religious, educational fraternal and veterans?