

# BSA Knot Insignia

## Youth Achievement Awards



### Arrow of Light

Worn by adults who earned the Arrow of Light as a youth cub scout.



### Eagle Scout

Worn by adults who earned the Eagle Scout as a youth boy scout.



### Venturing Silver

Worn by adults who earned the Venturing Silver as a youth venture scout.



### Quartermaster

Worn by adults who earned the Quartermaster As a youth sea scout.

## Religious Awards



### Youth Religious

Worn by adults who earned the Arrow of Light as a youth cub scout.



### Adult Religious

Adult leaders that complete specific requirements of their faith may earn this award. At present 15 religions offer leader opportunities to earn religious emblems.

## Bravery Awards



### Heroism

Awarded to adults or youth by the National Council for heroism with less risk to life.



### Honor Medal

Awarded to adults or youth by the National Council to those who risk their lives to save another.



### Medal of Merit

Awarded to adults or youth by the National Council for heroism with little or no risk to life.

## Leadership & Training Awards

### Cub Scouts



#### Tiger Cub Den Leader

Adult leaders that serve as a Tiger Cub Den Leader may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Den Leader

Adult leaders that serve as a Cub Scout Den Leader may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Webelos Den Leader

Adult leaders that serve as a Webelos Den Leader may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Cubmaster

Adult leaders that serve as a Cubmaster may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Cub Scouter

Adult leaders that serve in Cub Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.

### Boy Scouts



#### Scouter's Training

Adult leaders that serve in Boy Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Scouter's Key

Adult leaders that serve in Boy Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Award of Merit

Adult leaders that serve as Scoutmasters may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.

### Venture Scouts



#### Scouter's Training

Adult leaders that serve in Venture Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Scouter's Key

Adult leaders that serve in Venture Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.

### Varsity Scouts



#### Scouter's Training

Adult leaders that serve in Varsity Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Scouter's Key

Adult leaders that serve in Varsity Scouting may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Award of Merit

Adult leaders that serve as Varsity Coach may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Award of Merit

Adult leaders that serve as Venture Advisor may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



#### Sea Badge

Adult leaders may earn this award by finishing the requirements in the Sea Badge Conference Guide.

## Honor Awards for Outstanding Service



### Silver Beaver

The highest honor that a council can bestow on a Scouter. Leaders at any level or any program are eligible but must be nominated.



### Silver Antelope

The highest honor that a region may bestow on a Scouter. Leaders that have rendered exceptional service on a regional basis are eligible but must be nominated.



### Silver Buffalo

The highest honor that the National Council can bestow on a Scouter. Leaders that have rendered exceptional service on a national basis are eligible but must be nominated.



### Silver World

The Award is given by BSA to world citizens (not members of BSA) who give outstanding service to their nation's youth, to young people in other countries, or to the Scouting program of their nation through their participation or support. Must be nominated.



### District Award of Merit

This is the highest honor that a district may bestow on a Scouter. Leaders involved at any level of scouting or in a program are eligible but must be nominated.



### OA Distinguished Service

This award is presented to an adult or youth OA member who has rendered unusual service to the order on a national basis. Must be nominated.



### Whitney M. Young Jr. Service

This award is presented to individuals who work to promote Scouting among low-income, inner city and rural youth. It is named after the late civil rights advocate.



### George Meany

This award is presented to labor union members who have been unusually effective in giving leadership to youth.



### William T. Hornaday

This award is presented to Scouts, Explorers and Scouters for conservation and ecology efforts in their communities.



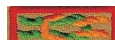
### International Scouter

This award is presented by the International Division of BSA to recognize Scouters for their contributions to world Scouting.



### Community Organization

This award is presented by the community organizations such as Freemasons and Elks to recognize Scouters for service to Scouting.



### James E. West Fellowship

This award is a national recognition for a major contribution to their local council endowment trust fund. The contribution may be made in honor or memory of another.

## Administrative



### Scouter's Training

Adult leaders that serve in Commissioner Service and District committee positions may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



### Scouter's Key

Adult leaders that serve in Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Exploring, Commissioner Service and District committee positions may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.



### Distinguished Commissioner Service

Adult leaders that serve in Commissioner Service and District committee positions may earn this award by completing the required training, tenure, and performance.

BSA Knot Insignia are not awards in and of themselves. They are an outward representation of the medal and/or certificate earned by or presented to the recipient. They serve as a convenient way for the recipient to be recognized. The medals are worn only on formal occasions.

The knots are placed in rows of three above the left pocket. The knot is placed so that the loop that goes over the top of the other is to the wearer's right.



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### Knot Device Pins

When an award is received in multiple families of scouting, the appropriate device pins may be worn on the knot. There are device pins for cub scouting, boy scouting, varsity scouting, venturing, sea scouting, district committee members, and commissioners.

