

**Timucua District - Greater Tampa Bay Area Council**  
**Adult Leader Recognition**  
**General Guidelines**

**GENERAL**

This memorandum defines the adult leader awards available through the Timucua District and the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and provides guidance for individuals nominating Scouters for the awards of Shield of Service, Key Leader Award, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award.

The Timucua District Committee and District Commissioner sponsor the following awards to recognize the work of dedicated Scouters:

- Shield of Service
- Key Leader Award

The Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, authorizes the following awards to recognize the accomplishments of dedicated Scouters:

- District Award of Merit
- Silver Beaver Award

Adult leaders are invited to recognize an individual for distinguished service to the Scouting program over a period of several years and/or to recognize an individual for unusually significant achievement in one or more leadership positions.

The following guidelines apply for all of the available awards:

- The basic qualification for any of these awards is that you, as a Scouter, feel that the contribution of another registered Scouter deserves such recognition.
- There are no minimum criteria, such as number of years of service or number of events chaired, for any of these awards.
- These awards recognize not only individual achievement but also contribution to the overall Scouting program (e.g. team player, support for BSA policies). This is equivalent of "showed Scout spirit" for Boy Scout advancement.
- The number of deserving individuals always exceeds the number of awards which can be given.
- An individual must be formally nominated to be considered.
- Nominations from one year do not carry over to the next year. A nomination must be submitted each year.
- Information should be as complete as possible.
- If you believe the individual has earned the recognition, submit a nomination.

**SHIELD OF SERVICE**

Each year Timucua District is able to recognize one Scouter from each unit (pack, troop, team, crew, ship) in the district for outstanding contribution to that unit; this is the Shield of Service Award. Only one Scouter from each unit can be recognized with this award each year. Some units choose to recognize a person with long and distinguished service to the pack, troop, team, crew or ship. Other units choose to honor an individual for his/her specific contribution.

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**Presentation:** This award will be presented at the annual Timucua District Recognition Dinner, held in March.

**Nomination Procedure:** The committee chair and/or unit leader, working with their unit commissioner, can nominate any Scouter registered with their unit. To nominate an adult leader, complete the nomination form below and return it to Kellye Williams, Timucua District Advancement Chair, at [timucua.adv@gmail.com](mailto:timucua.adv@gmail.com), no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **KEY LEADER AWARD**

The District gives the Timucua District Key Leader Award to Scouters in recognition of outstanding service in responsible positions at the unit and/or district level. The district is able to honor one Key Leader for each ten (or fraction thereof) chartered units in the district.

Virtually every unit has a least one Scouter who is more deeply committed to Scouting than most of the other unit leaders and has contributed more than would normally be expected of one person. This person should be considered for nomination for the Key Leader Award. *While no minimum criteria exist*, the successful nominee for this award will usually have done one or a combination of the following:

- Served a unit (or units) in a key leadership position (or series of positions) for several years.
- Served on staff for several district events (e.g., Camporee, leader training sessions, Cub Scout day camp) over a period of years.
- Been directly involved in the increased success of the unit (e.g., Scoutmaster while troop earned three Journey to Excellence awards in three years; increased recruiting to a unit 10%).
- Been responsible as chair for one or more district events (e.g., Cub Scout day camp, popcorn sales).
- Clearly demonstrated support for the full range of Scouting opportunities and willingness to work as a team player.

**Presentation:** This award will be presented at the annual Timucua District Recognition Dinner, held in March.

**Nomination Procedures:** Any individual can nominate any Scouter registered within Timucua District for this award using the Key Leader nomination form. To nominate an adult leader, complete the nomination form below and return it to Kellye Williams, Timucua District Advancement Chair, at [timucua.adv@gmail.com](mailto:timucua.adv@gmail.com), no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT**

The District Award of Merit is given by the local council, upon recommendation of the District Award of Merit Committee, for service to the Scouting program at the unit level and leadership in district activities. The District Award of Merit is a Council level award presented by Districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver Award is a National award presented by a Council. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The

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District is able to present one Award of Merit for each twenty-five (or fraction thereof) units in the district. *While no minimum criteria exist*, the successful nominee for this award will *usually* have accomplished some combination of the following:

- Served at the unit and/or district level in key leadership positions for at least five years.
- Been responsible (as project chair) for a least one-district event (e.g., Camporee camp master, day camp director, Friends of Scouting coordinator) or for several significant unit accomplishments.
- Served as chair or on a district operating committee (e.g., advancement, training), roundtable commissioner, and/or as a unit commissioner or assistant district commissioner.
- Served on staff for several district events (e.g., Camporee, Cub Scout day camp) over a period of years.
- Given service to the community in volunteer work in addition to Scouting (e.g., church, volunteer fire department, homeless shelter program).
- Clearly demonstrated support for the full range of Scouting opportunities and willingness to work as a team player.

**Presentation:** This award is presented at the annual Timucua District Recognition Dinner, held in March.

**Nomination Procedures:** Any individual can nominate any Scouter registered within this District for this award using the District Award of Merit nomination form. To nominate an adult leader, complete the form found in the link below and return it to Kellye Williams, Timucua District Advancement Chair, at [timucua.adv@gmail.com](mailto:timucua.adv@gmail.com), no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **SILVER BEAVER AWARD**

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council is able to give a volunteer Scouter. The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America awards it upon recommendation of the local council. It is awarded for service to the Scouting program including contributions at the unit and district levels as well as leadership in Council activities. *While no minimum criteria exist*, the successful nominee for this award will *usually* have accomplished some combination of the following:

- Served at the unit, district, and council levels in positions of increasing leadership for at least ten years (not a required time period).
- Given service to the community in volunteer work in addition to Scouting (e.g., church, volunteer fire department, homeless shelter program).
- Been responsible (as project chairman) for at least one district or council event (e.g., camporee chairman, day camp director, Friends of Scouting coordinator, Pow Wow chairman).
- Served as chair of a district or council operating committee (e.g., advancement, training). Roundtable commissioner, and/or as a unit commissioner or assistant district commissioner.
- Served on staff for several district or council events (e.g., Camporee, Cub Scout day camp, Pow Wow) over a period of years.

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- Recipient of the District Award of Merit.
- Clearly demonstrated support of the full range of Scouting opportunities and willingness to work as a team player.

**Presentation:** This award is usually presented at the annual Council Recognition Dinner, held in April.

**Nomination Procedures:** Any individual can nominate any Scouter registered within the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council for this award using the Silver Beaver nomination form. Specific instructions for completion of the form are given on the reverse side of the form.

This nomination form is used nation-wide and does not have a specific place for the person making the nomination to sign. Therefore, the nominator should sign at the bottom of the final page of the nomination.

To nominate an adult leader, complete the form found in the link below and return it to Ralph Snyder, [Ralph.Snyder@scouting.org](mailto:Ralph.Snyder@scouting.org), no later than January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Note:** Silver Beaver nominations should be submitted directly to the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. Additionally, it is requested that you inform the district that you have nominated a Timucua Scouter. This allows the district to be aware of who has been nominated.