



Nominate a Leader for a National Service Award

Do you know an exceptional adult leader, educator, or organization that has gone above and beyond to bring Scouting opportunities to underrepresented or underserved communities? Now is the time to recognize their efforts by nominating them for one of the **five National Service Awards** that celebrate their outstanding contributions to the Scouting movement.

Awards and Criteria:

- **Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award**

Honors an adult or organization for bringing Scouting opportunities to youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds. [Click here for nomination the form.](#)

- **¡Scouting...Vale la Pena! Service Award**

Honors an adult or organization for bringing Scouting opportunities to Hispanic/Latino youth. [Click here for nomination the form.](#)

- **Torch of Gold Award**

Honors individuals who have provided outstanding service in the area of Scouts with special needs. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

- **Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award**

Honors an educator who instills Scouting's values in their classroom or school, making a significant impact on youth development. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

- **Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award**

Honors an adult or organization for bringing Scouting opportunities to Asian-American youth. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

Recognizing Excellence:

Winners will be honored at the Whitney M. Young Jr. Awards Breakfast on Friday, April 24, 2026 at the Chevy Chase Country Club. Save the date, registration link coming soon!

How to Nominate:

We encourage all community partners, unit leaders, and parents to nominate a deserving individual, educator, or organization that aligns with the mission of these awards. Please send your nominations to Rebecca Minsley at rebecca.minsley@scouting.org no later than Monday, February 15, 2026.

[Visit Awards Central](#) for additional details of these awards.