

Scouts BSA can earn both the World Conservation Award and the International Spirit Award in One Program Year



This plan is for experienced Scouts who have completed or are working on merit badges that satisfy World Conservation Award requirements 1, 2, and 3 below.

SCOUTS BSA MEMBERS CAN EARN THE WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD BY:

Earning the following merit badges:

1. Environmental Science OR Sustainability merit badge
2. Soil and Water Conservation OR Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge
3. Citizenship in the World merit badge

AND

Participating in a conservation project as part of an approved Scouting program totaling at least three hours that addresses a conservation need common to more than one country

To reach the Scouts BSA application form for the World Conservation Award, go to <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/world-conservation/> and click on **Scouts BSA World Conservation Award**. Once Scouts have completed the requirements, complete the application form and submit it to a Michigan Crossroads Council Scout Shop to purchase the Scouts BSA World Conservation Award emblem, No. 140.

THE SCOUTS BSA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT AWARD ARE:

1. Earn the World Conservation Award. (explained above)
2. Earn the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge. (Required for the World Conservation Award)
3. Participate in Jamboree-on-the-Air or Jamboree-on-the-Internet.

The Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and the Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) are held the third full weekend in October every year. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/jota/> for JOTA information and <https://www.scouting.org/joti/> for JOTI information. These web pages are updated a few months before the events. JOTA/JOTI patches can be ordered from an MCC Scout Shop.

4. Organize a World Friendship Fund collection at a unit meeting or district roundtable.

There is information on the World Friendship Fund at <https://www.scouting.org/international/resources/22-329/>

5. Complete three of the 10 Experience Requirements.

The 10 Experience Requirements are listed below. Only 3 are needed to complete Requirement 5.

1. Host an international Scout or unit at a local Council camp and plan activities to help you learn about Scouting in their country. *Please note that hosting in private homes is not considered an official Scouting activity.
2. Learn about another country and prepare a dinner traditionally served there. Explain what you learned to friends or family over the meal. (*This could be a meal at home or a Scout family potluck.*)
3. Participate in a World Scout Jamboree, international camporee, or another international Scouting event. Share the experience with your unit or at a district roundtable. (*According to International Department BSA, If a Scout participates in 2 different Jamborees on the Air or Jamborees on the Internet or 1 Jamboree on the Air and 1 Jamboree on the Internet, one can be used to satisfy International Spirit Award Requirement 3 and the other can be used to satisfy Experience Requirement 3. Participation in a weekend BSA - Scouts Canada camporee, the Michigan International Camporee, or Michigan International Camporee Visitors Day can be used to satisfy Experience Requirement 3.*)
4. Take a trip to another country as an individual or with your family or Scouting unit. Make sure to visit a Scouting event or unit in that country. When you return home, share your experience with another unit. (*Participation in a weekend camporee in Canada can be used to satisfy either Experience Requirement 3 or Experience Requirement 4. If you do it two times, one can be used to for Experience Requirement 3 and the other can be used for Experience Requirement 4.*)
5. Organize and participate in a Messengers of Peace project. Share the experience with your unit or at a district roundtable, making sure to explain which dimensions of the program your project promoted. (*An Eagle project that is also a Messengers of Peace project will qualify.*)
6. Earn the interpreter strip.
7. Research Scouting in another country. Make a presentation at a unit meeting or district roundtable. (*Each Scout could select a different country and report at a meeting or the Scout family potluck mentioned above. Countries that have International Campfire Talks at <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/international-campfire-talks/> work well.*)
8. Contact your local council's international representative and assist them with at least two items they need help with promoting.
9. Research the process of obtaining a U.S. passport. Create a fact sheet for your unit or district to assist them with requirements for traveling internationally.
10. Research a region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Make a presentation at a unit meeting or district roundtable. (*Go to <https://www.scout.org/> and click on REGIONS under WORLD. Scouts could select different regions. The reports could be at a meeting or the Scout family potluck mentioned above*)

To reach the application form for the International Spirit Award, go to <https://www.scouting.org/international/recognitions/> and link at **International Spirit Award**.

Once Scouts have completed the requirements for the International Spirit Award, print an application form for each Scout who has earned the award, have them complete the forms, and have the Scoutmaster sign the forms. Then follow the instructions on the form to order the emblems.