



ADULT AWARD - COUNCIL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

- **HISTORY** – This award was created in 2011 by the National BSA Alumni Association.
- **PURPOSE** - The Boy Scouts of America Council Alumnus of the Year Award is the Scouting Alumni Association's highest council recognition. The award was established to recognize alumni of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) who, over a sustained period of time, have used the skills and values they learned through their association with Scouting to make significant and long-lasting contributions to their local communities through their careers, avocations, and Scouting.

A BSA alumnus includes anyone positively and personally impacted by the BSA - former Scouts, family members of Scouts past and present, community leaders, and the millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day.

Philosophy The future of any organization is embodied in the value of its program and the contributions of its alumni over time. The acorn was selected to represent the BSA Council Alumnus of the Year for many reasons including:

- Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.
 - Scouts and Scouters plant seeds for trees under which they may never sit.
 - The seed-planting analogy is applicable in many faiths and cultures.
- **AWARD YEAR** – All nominations are due November 31st of each calendar year. One Scouter is selected annually and is presented the award at the Council Annual Recognition Dinner or at another event of their choosing which could include the Building Character Celebration, Eagle Recognition Dinner, Council/Division/District event or meeting.
 - **NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS** - Before a local alumnus of the year may be notified, the application must be submitted to the national office to ensure that the nomination does not exceed the council's quota of one recipient per year. Nominations must be submitted to the Scouting Alumni Association.
 - Use form <https://scoutingalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Council-Alumnus-of-the-Year-Nomination-FormFILLABLE1-21-2020.pdf>.



- **SUBMISSIONS** - Submissions may be scanned and sent electronically to BSAalumni@scouting.org. Mailed submissions may be sent to P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015. The national office will review the nomination, and the nominee may be recognized upon confirmation that the council has not exceeded its quota. Self-nomination is prohibited. A maximum of one recipient may be awarded per year. Nominations are due to National NESAs by December 31st of each calendar year.
- **SELECTION COMMITTEE** – The Alumnus of the Year Award Committee Chair will hold a meeting the second week of November of each selection year. The selection committee must have at least 7 members of the NESAs MCC members in attendance (3 members from each division) including the chairman. The Alumnus of the Year Award Committee Chair will break all ties. Committee members will be recruited in September. The date of the selection meeting will be announced at the January NESAs MCC Conference.
- **PROMOTION OF AWARD** – The Alumnus of the Year Award Committee Chair will ensure that proper promotion of the award is done throughout the year. Using the following channels through the NESAs MCC Vice Chairman of Communications: Social Media and E-Newsletters
- **RECOGNITION** – Upon verification of the contents of the nomination, the committee must order the certificate (No. 621404), lapel pin/device 10kt Gold (No. 621089), medallion (No. 621294), and alumni square knot (No. 611866) through the Supply Group at 800-323-0736 or www.scoutstuff.org. Orders must be placed by the third week of February to ensure a timely arrival before the Council Annual Dinner or other event which the recipient chooses to be recognized.
- All nominations must be submitted electronically to nesa@michiganscouting.org by 11:59 PM November 15th of the current calendar year. The awards will be presented at the annual Building Character Celebration and Eagle Recognition Dinner(s) held the following calendar year.
- **PRESENTATION ITEMS** – See Figure 5.

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