



YOUTH AWARD - GLENN A. AND MELINDA W. ADAMS NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (ADAMS AWARD)

- **HISTORY** - In 2009, the National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity.
- **PURPOSE** - The award recognizes the Scout for their Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each year, local councils select a council-level winner, and from that pool, each region selects a region-level winner. A national winner is then selected from the four regional finalists.
- **AWARD YEAR** – All nominations are due January 31st of the following calendar year. Only one recipient is selected to receive the council award annually and be recognized and expected to give a speech about their project at the Building Character Celebration the following calendar year.
- **SELECTION COMMITTEE** – The Adams Committee Chair will hold a selection meeting the second week of February of each selection year. The Adams Selection committee must have at least 7 members of the NESA MCC committee in attendance (3 from each division) including the chairman. The Adams Chair will break all ties. Committee members will be recruited in November. The date of the Adams Award selection meeting will be announced at the December NESA MCC monthly meeting.
- **PROMOTION OF AWARD** – The Adams Committee Chair will ensure that proper promotion of the award is done throughout the year. Using the following channels through the NESA MCC Vice Chairman of Communications: Social Media and E-Newsletters.
 - Adams Award form will be included in the Council Eagle Scout Packet.
- **PRESENTATION ITEMS** – See Figure 2.
- **COUNCIL EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD** - An Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit his Eagle Scout service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed his Eagle board of review in the prior calendar year (January 1 to December 31).
 - **RECOGNITION** - The winner will receive a certificate and a bronze device for the Eagle Scout embroidered knot from the National Eagle Scout



Association. All council winners will be considered for the National project of the year. Their awards will not be available until the National and NST winners are announced at the end of April. A special presentation will be scheduled to present the recipient at their unit court of honor or other unit recognition meeting.

- **NST EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD – National Service Territory (NST) NESA committees** will select one winner from the 16 NST's on or before April 4th of each year. NST award winners will be considered for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.
 - **RECOGNITION** - The three regional winners who do not win the national award will receive \$300, to be available for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. All NST winners will receive a certificate and a gold device for the Eagle Scout embroidered knot. The national winner and his local council will receive only the national prize as described below.
- **NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD -** One winner will be selected by April 23rd of each year, in time to be announced at the National Annual Meeting in May. Announcement and awards for council, region and national will not be sent out until the end of April.
 - **RECOGNITION** - The national award winner will receive a certificate, a silver device for the Eagle embroidered knot, and a cash award of \$3,500 that will be available for the Scout's future educational purposes or for them to attend a national or international Scouting event or venue.
- **EVALUATION CRITERIA** - Each local council NESA committee shall select one service project of the year from among those meeting the submission guidelines. The included criteria and other factors are all appropriate for consideration by the committee in selecting the winners. Evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:
 - Project planning required
 - Effort to develop the project
 - Extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
 - Extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
 - Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
 - Originality of the project



- Scope of the work
 - Time and materials contributed
 - Level of skill employed to complete the project
- **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES** - The nomination shall be submitted to the NESA committee of the council in which the service project was completed on or before January 31st of each year. The submission must include the application (found on www.nesa.org), a name and summary of the project, and the Eagle Scout's contact information. A complete duplicate copy of his Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by the Scout to his Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the application.
 - Each council should email a scanned copy of the winning Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook - including attachments - to the National Eagle Scout Association at adamsaward@scouting.org by February 28 of each year. Hard copies will be returned and not considered for the regional award. NESA will only accept the winning projects submitted by the local council staff or local council NESA committee representative. Applications received will be considered for selection of the Regional Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award winner. The regional NESA committee shall be composed of three or four members. Regional NESA committees will select one winner for each region on or before March 31 each year.
 - **Paperwork:** https://nesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023_NOMINATION-FORM-ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR.pdf
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 - All nominations must be submitted electronically to nesa@michiganscouting.org by 11:59 PM on January 31st of the following calendar year. The awards will be presented at the annual Building Character Celebration and Eagle Recognition Dinner(s) held the following calendar year.

Figure 2:

