



Eagle Scout Alumni of Michigan – History of Awards and Recognition

On September 1st, 2020, Michigan Crossroads Council enhanced their Field Service Structure. The four Field Service Councils in Michigan (Great Lakes FSC, President Ford FSC, Southern Shores FSC, and Water and Woods FSC) were consolidated to two divisions (Great Lakes and President Ford Divisions). Michigan Crossroads Council serves the lower peninsula of Michigan. On January 1st, 2025, the Bay-Lakes Council (BLC) successfully transitioned Michigan's Upper Peninsula operation to Michigan Crossroads Council.

Michigan Crossroads Council - # 780

Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) Recipients:

History: Since its establishment in 1969, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) has gained prominent standing among Scouting recognitions. Previous recipients include President Gerald R. Ford, several governors and senators, military flag officers, university presidents, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies, and nationally known lawyers, educators, and doctors. Each of the recipients had risen to a state of fame or eminence in his chosen life work before receiving the DESA.

Honorary Kenneth Braithwaite- 2021
Gen. Rolf Mammen - 2021
Alan Jay Kaufman - 2020
Dr. Paul Hollenberg - 2019
Senator Gary Peters - 2019
Bradley M. Simmons – 2018
Michael F. Weber – 2016
Dr. Michael Simoff – 2014
James L. Chandler – 2013
Scott A. Teare – 2012
Dr. James P. Bagian – 2011
Dr. Larry Warren Stephenson – 2011
Jon E. Barfield – 2010
Mayor Albert McGeehan – 2009
Dr. E. James Potchen, MD, JD – 2009



Mayor George K. Heartwell, Jr. – 2006
James J. Padilla – 2006
Duane R. Vernon – 2005
Ned L. Brown – 2002
Ronald K. Nelson - 2001
Robert Brown, Jr. – 1999
John F. Smith – 1999
Thomas D. Trainor – 1999
J.T. Battenberg, III – 1996
Seymour K. Padnos – 1995
William F. Stockhausen – 1995
Honorable Sandorf Jay Elden – 1994
Philip R. Glotfelty, III – 1993
Richard W. Young – 1991
Dr. John Hanson Libcke, MD – 1990
Lambert Althaver – 1989
Duane H. Bartrem USA (Ret.) Colonel – 1988
Robert P. Fairman – 1988
Joseph W. Wyckoff – 1988
Jack D. Zuiderveld – 1987
Stephen E. Ewing – 1986
Bernard J. Cantor – 1985
Leslie Hinds – 1985
Charles B. Magennis, Jr. – 1985
Albert J. Booth – 1984
Louis H. Beechnau, D.O. – 1983
Harry Wilson Wagner – 1983
James A. Aliber – 1982
Elliott M. Estes – 1978
James Seldon Miner – 1976
James H. Brian Sr. – 1975
Stephen H. Clink – 1975
Ted L. Johnson – 1975
Reuben R. Jensen – 1974
Wallace W. Edwards – 1974
Russell G. Mawby – 1973
Wallace E. Wilson – 1973
Robert H. Young, Jr. – 1973



President Gerald R. Ford, Jr. – 1970
Lloyd M. Steward – 1970

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) Recipients:

History: The NOESA was introduced during BSA's 100th Anniversary year in 2010 with the first awards being made by the National Eagle Scout Association upon the recommendation of local council NESA Committees. The award was created to recognize notable Eagle Scouts who had either performed their distinguished service closer to home (at the local, state, or regional level) or who were known nationally, but had not yet met the 25-year tenure as an Eagle requirement for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

Jeff Abernathy – 2024
Matthew Cox - 2024
Russell Dale - 2024
Petersen Decker - 2024
David Ehrlich - 2024
Allan Medwick - 2024
Barry Wood – 2024
J. Ted Everingham – 2023
Greg Hooker – 2023
Bob Plishka – 2023
Nathan Triplett – 2023
Timothy VerHey – 2023
Frank Kule – 2022
George Lessons – 2022
Michael Wikol – 2022
Dr. Eric Fretz – 2022
Dr. Timothy Ekola – 2022
Timothy Greimel – 2022
George Lessons – 2022
Jon Lundy – 2022
Richard Porter – 2022
Joe Auito- 2021
Bryan Bowers - 2021
Sen. Marshall Bullock - 2021
Martin Burg - 2021
Duncan Campbell 2021
David Eisler - 2021



Michael Hindelang - 2021
Paul Kelly - 2021
Bruce Maxim - 2021
David Degraw- 2020
David Ellis- 2020
Bruce Emaus- 2020
Bill Kamman- 2020
Dennis Pate - 2020
Dr. John Richardsom - 2020
Hon. Michael St. John - 2020
Bill Stefen - 2020
Richard Stilwill - 2020
Scott Bednas – 2019
Ron Blaisdell – 2019
William M. Blynn – 2019
Frank Bolak, Jr – 2019
Thomas Campbell – 2019
Dr. Robert L. Daniels – 2019
John Fox, MD MHA - 2019
Lynn Francis - 2019
Fred Hannah – 2019
Elrico Hurley - 2019
Gary Maroske – 2019
James Cooke, MD - 2019
Dale J. Apley Jr. – 2018
David B. Berger – 2018
Stuart A. Best – 2018
Kevin David Borden – 2018
Dr. George Grant Jr. 2018
Alan Kaufman – 2018
Timothy J. Nelson – 2018
Martin Joseph LaPage, MD – 2018
Kent Riddle – 2018
Jamie Samuelsen – 2018
Steve Shotwell, Jr. – 2018
Kenneth L. Thorp – 2018
Jay S. Bottorff – 2017
Jeff Campbell – 2017



David C. Farley – 2017
John Adrian Hallacy – 2017
Robert F. Johnson – 2017
James R. Keller – 2017
David Oakley – 2017
Thomas Sequin – 2017
Rodney Beckwith, III – 2016
William J. Boer – 2016
Raymond Davis – 2016
William Ewing – 2016
Jeffrey Gerald – 2016
Charles Jackson – 2016
Thomas Kellogg, DDS – 2016
Charles Lang – 2016
Dennis Leiber – 2016
Richard Maike - 2016
Leslie Marhoff – 2016
Jeffery Payne – 2016
William “Bill” Phillips – 2016
William Rocker, Sr – 2016
Charles Seifert, M.D. – 2016
John Van Wagoner II – 2016
Charles Williams, III – 2016
Edward Wilson – 2016
John “Ken” Bourgon – 2015
Martin Cotanche - 2015
Rick Dekam, CCIM – 2015
Drake Deverell – 2015
William Dobbins – 2015
Mark Fobare – 2015
Max Graff Jr. – 2015
Francis Mallon – 2015
Richard Northrup – 2015
Harry Price – 2015
Judge James Robert Redford, 2015
Dennis Waitzman – 2015
Michael Weber – 2015
Harold Weemhoff, Jr. – 2015



Jason Allen – 2014
Martin Cotanche – 2014
Jeffrey Day – 2014
James Huttenlocher – 2014
Warner Iseppi – 2014
William Kerr – 2014
Donald Ray – 2014
James Redford – 2014
Michael Sulgrove – 2014
Michael Thorp – 2014
Edward Basar, II – 2013
Tim Crawford – 2013
Christopher Edgar – 2013
Stephen Harris – 2013
Werner Meier – 2013
David Mohr – 2013
Patrick Parker – 2013
Ray Szpiech – 2013
Bryan Wirthlin – 2013
R Michael Yost – 2013
Michael P. Hartmann – 2012
John Modetz – 2012
Earl Moorhouse – 2012
David Porteous – 2012
Bradley M. Simmons – 2012
James Cambridge – 2011
Kenneth Czubay – 2011
Gordon W. Draper – 2011
Charles Truza – 2011
Richard VanGrouw – 2011



NESA Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

History: In 1976, the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) committee established the NESA Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to recognize those who have given extraordinary leadership and service to NESA resulting in a significant impact on a national or regional level. It is given for dedicated service over a period of years to NESA, promotion and reengagement of Eagle Scouts and young people earning rank of Eagle Scouts. It is for lengthy national or regional service to NESA/Eagle Scout and not a distinguished citizen or person of the year award.

Jay S Bottorff – 2024
John L. Dyer-Hurdon – 1984
Ted L Johnson - 1986
Todd Plotner - 2022
Steven R. Sinotte, PhD – 1984

NESA Legacy Society Recipients:

History: The National Eagle Scout Association established the NESA Legacy Society in 2013 for individuals to make a direct contribution to the national NESA endowment furthering the support of Scouting. The NESA endowment provides direct funding of Eagle Scout scholarships, NESA committee service grants, and career networking and encouragement for all Scouts who wear the Eagle Scout badge.

Joseph Auito
Steven S. K. Bakker
John E Baxter
Scott Bednas
Jeffery Campbell
Gordon W, Draper
LCDR Richard Files, USN – **Founding Fellow**
Josh D. Fraley
Timothy Johnson
Dennis Pate
Michael Sulgrove
Ray P. Szpiech



MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL – HONORED EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

History: Provided by the Frances J and Michael D Sulgrove Leadership Trust, which promotes Scouting youth to choose lives of continued leadership and service to tomorrow's youth as adult leaders. This council level recognition award is to encourage and honor Eagle Scouts who continue to serve the Boy Scouts of America as a Unit Leader (specifically as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew or Post Advisor), District Committee Member or Unit Commissioner, Roundtable staff, Assistant District Commissioner or District Commissioner, or on a Council Committee, or Council Commissioner staff. The Eagle Scout nominee must have served the Scouting Movement as an adult leader *for a minimum of fifteen years since earning their Eagle Scout Award*.

Honored Eagle Scout Award Recipients:

Travis Bobcock - 2022 – President Ford Division
Robert Pachman - 2022 – President Ford Division
Robert Williams - 2022 – President Ford Division
Rich Wakerle - 2022 – President Ford Division
Robert Ungrey - 2022 – President Ford Division
Brian Poppen - 2022 – President Ford Division
Kurt Hoffman - 2022 – President Ford Division
Loren Goodale III - 2022 – President Ford Division
Michael Gareau – 2022 – President Ford Division
Ben Evans – 2022 – President Ford Division
Denver Laabs – 2022 – Great Lakes Division
David Tischer – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Rick Squires – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
John Schenburn – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Matt Keller – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
L. Wayne Hastings – 2022- Great Lakes Division
David Ehrlich – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Steve Donohue – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Mike Devriendt – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Richard Cummings – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Brian Chrzanowski – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Thomas Buckalew – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Rodney Josef Beckwith IV – 2022 - Great Lakes Division
Robert VerDuin – 2021 – President Ford Division



Kenneth Thorp – 2021 - President Ford Division
Daniel Prat – 2021 - President Ford Division
Frank Novakowski – 2021 - President Ford Division
David Lindamood – 2021 - President Ford Division
Robert Jones – 2021 - President Ford Division
Erwin “Erv” Hutter – 2021 - President Ford Division
Bill Hildebrand – 2021 - President Ford Division
Ben Hanes – 2021 - President Ford Division
John Fedder – 2021 - President Ford Division
Dick Boes – 2021 - President Ford Division
Charles Burch – 2020 - President Ford Division
Jason Moody – 2020 - President Ford Division
David Tubergen – 2020 - President Ford Division
William Millard – 2020 - President Ford Division
David Closz – 2020 - President Ford Division
Steve Wright – 2020 - President Ford Division
Charles Brown – 2019 - President Ford Division
Christopher Griffin – 2019 - President Ford Division
Tod Landis – 2019 - President Ford Division
Martin Burg – 2019 - President Ford Division
Russ Kolski – 2018- President Ford Division
Barry Kohley – 2018 - President Ford Division
John Knapp – 2018 - President Ford Division
Jason Kasiorek – 2018 - President Ford Division
John Jordan – 2018 - President Ford Division
Hap Hacker – 2018 - President Ford Division
Carl Catanche – 2018 - President Ford Division
Roger Christensen – 2018 - President Ford Division
Wayne Aurand – 2018 - President Ford Division
Dirk Ritzea – 2017 - President Ford Division
Randy Meyers – 2017 - President Ford Division
Brian Granger – 2017 - President Ford Division
John Friedli- 2017 - President Ford Division
Ken Chudy – 2017 - President Ford Division
Jamie Callahan – 2017 - President Ford Division
Ben Bever – 2017 - President Ford Division
Derek Stark – 2016 - President Ford Division



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

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.

Glenn and Melinda Adams Eagle Project of the Year - Council Recipients:

Grace VandenBerghe - 2024
Jason Babb - 2023
Michaela Witgen - 2022
Joseph Mazor - 2021
Tyler Daskocz - 2020
David Garvey - 2020
Mike Nowicki - 2020
Matthew Remington - 2020
Hayden Kibbey - 2019
John Kenny – 2018
Kevin Richard Cragg – 2017
Dale (Trip) Apley III – 2017
Riley Good – 2017
Jeffrey Manning – 2016
Tyler Donald Young – 2016
Nathan Dean Wagner – 2015
Jacob Benjamin Bakker – 2015
Forrest Whitaker Bernhardt – 2013 CR *Regional Recipient*
Remington Shaffer – 2013
Zachary R. Fent- 2012
Christopher Tanner Micklatcher – 2012
Gabriel Church – 2011
Andrew Scott Munerance – 2011
William A. Vorbrich – 2011



Alumnus of the Year Recipients:

History – This award was created in 2011 by the National BSA Alumni Association.

PURPOSE - The Scouting America Alumnus of the Year Award is the Scouting Alumni Association's highest council recognition. The award was established to recognize alumni of the Scouting America 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.

Alumnus of the Year - Council Recipients:

Eric Welsby - 2022
Dennis Pate - 2021
Michael Jedinak - 2020
Earl Moorhouse - 2019
Dr. Larry Warren Stephenson – 2018
Gordon W. Draper - 2017
Jay S. Bottorff - 2016

Alumnus of the Year – National Service Territory (NST 9) Region:

Michael Boggs - 2025
David Ehrlich - 2019

Alumnus of the Year – Central Region:

Jay S. Bottorff - 2019



Alumni Award – Council Recipients

A recognition program to encourage participation and work with council alumni relations programs, including NESA activities; areas of work include alumni identification/promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, and education. Presented to Scouting Alumni who promote continued engagement with Scouting America.

Eligibility: Registered adult Scouters may submit a completed application for approval by the local council alumni committee. Approved applications are forwarded to the National Scouting Alumni Relations Committee. Those approved will be sent a certificate that can be used to purchase a square knot and/or lapel pin from the Scout shop.

If you're an Eagle Scout, you'll also need to become a registered member of NESA, the National Eagle Scout Association.

David Ehrlich
Michael Boggs
Eric Welsby
Petersen Decker
Brandon Gaines
Michael Jedinak
Michael J. Thorp
Allan J. Medwick
Michael Jedinak
Dennis Pate
Todd R. Plotner
Earl Moorhouse
Michael P. Bennett
Jay S. Bottorff
Phillip W. Crowder
Jim Hanes
Robert R. Lester, II
Patrick J. Parker
Michael D. Sulgrove
Michael A. Vangelov