

The George Meany Award

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GEORGE MEANY AWARD

It is estimated that one out of every four top unit leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and **Venturing Crews** in the United States is a union member. That's a lot of union Scout leaders. Thousands of other union members serve youth through the Boy Scouts of America in local districts and councils, and on the regional and national levels.

In recognition of their contributions to America's future, the AFL-CIO Executive Council established the George Meany Award. It recognizes union members—men and women—who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the BSA. The award is named for the AFL-CIO's first president, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years.

Since the George Meany Award was introduced in 1974, more than 1,440 have been presented by AFL-CIO central labor councils and state federations throughout the U.S. In 1990 there were 119 recipients of this award. The award, a recognition approved by the national AFL-CIO Executive Council, gives organized labor an opportunity to recognize members for their service to youth, and also makes the public aware of the important role union members play in the community.

THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION FOR THE GEORGE MEANY AWARD

One George Meany Award may be presented annually by each AFL-CIO central labor council and one by each AFL-CIO state federation. The central labor council will select its own recipient.*

Applications may be obtained from your AFL-CIO central labor council, state federation, or your area's AFL-CIO Community Services liaison, or from your BSA local council or Labor Relationships, S226, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

The recommended procedure for selecting a recipient of the George Meany Award is as follows:

The central labor council invites all local unions to submit their candidates for the award. Any person, group, affiliated council, or local union may nominate a Scouter/member for the George Meany Award. The nominees may be submitted through their local unions or directly to the labor council. In any event they must have the local union's recommendation as well as BSA council certification.

The central labor council makes the final selection of a recipient from the candidates submitted. The selection and approval are normally the responsibility of the Community Services Committee of the central labor council in conjunction with the Executive Board.

The central labor council forwards their recipient's completed application, containing all of the appropriate signatures and the processing fee, to Labor Relationships, S226, Boy Scouts

of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Labor Relationships will mail the medal, certificate, patch, and all appropriate material.

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

The central labor council or state federation may develop its own standards for judging, but will consider such factors as the nominee's record in (see the front page of the George Meany Award application):

- Promoting and expanding the use of the American Labor merit badge.
- Recruiting youth to earn the American Labor merit badge.
- Forming Scouting units, especially those to be operated by local unions or other labor groups.
- Recruiting union members to become Scout leaders, especially to become American Labor merit badge counselors and to be involved in units operated by union organizations.
- Contributing to Scouting in the field of labor relationships, and bringing the Scouting and labor movements together to serve the community.
- Taking Scouter training and setting a good example for youth.
- Promoting Scouting for all youth, regardless of race, creed, or handicapping condition.

Although a nominee's length of service in Scouting may be considered, no specific number of years should be required. A person's record of accomplishment and dedication should weigh more heavily than longevity.

PRESENTATION OF THE GEORGE MEANY AWARD

The presentation should be made at one or more appropriate functions of the AFL-CIO central labor council, such as the following:

- Labor Day celebration
- Union counselor graduation dinner or awards banquet
- State convention
- Membership meeting

In addition, a presentation may be made at a BSA local council or district function, such as an awards dinner or an annual meeting.

The principal officer or the designated labor official representing the AFL-CIO labor council giving the award should make the presentation in all cases.

*The state federation may also have a George Meany Award program; their application process is the same, but their program and selection is separate from that of the central labor council.

APPLICATION FOR THE

George Meany Award

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR & CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS



INSTRUCTIONS

The George Meany Award is a national recognition approved by the AFL-CIO Executive Council. It may be presented to any adult union member who has made a significant contribution to the youth of their community through Scouting.

Each AFL-CIO city central labor council and each AFL-CIO state federation is permitted to give one award annually.

The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no rule that the quota must be used every year. No honorary recognitions should be made.

The purpose of this award is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to youth through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

GUIDE FOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

The following are some award qualifications. An individual who possesses a combination of these would meet the requirements for this recognition. These are offered as a guide only. However, they are indicative of what the Selection Committee should be seeking. This list is not inclusive as there are many other areas that could be considered. The candidate:

- A. Has notably served in bringing Scouting to more youth.
- B. Has assisted labor organizations in forming Scouting units to be operated by local unions and other labor groups.
- C. Is active in promoting and expanding the use of the American Labor merit badge.
- D. Has recruited youth to earn the American Labor merit badge and merit badge counselors to assist them.
- E. Is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and outstanding in the areas of responsibility, humility, and setting a good example.
- F. Has made a significant contribution to labor and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.
- G. Has led in offering Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed, or income level, and has been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in the inner city or other low-income community.

NOTE: Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, should be the criteria for receiving this award.

RECORD OF CANDIDATE

(Give pertinent facts: dates, offices held, etc. If more space is needed, please add extra sheets.)

A. IN LOCAL UNION AND/OR AFL-CIO CITY OR STATE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

B. IN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- Established Scouting units operated by labor organizations.
- Responsible for youth earning the American Labor merit badge.
- Other BSA involvement.

C. IN OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (activities in civic, religious, educational, fraternal, and other fields)

Recommended by _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Remarks _____

CANDIDATE

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Local union no. _____ International union _____

Position held in Scouting _____ BSA local council _____

LOCAL UNION RECOMMENDATION

On _____, the candidate was considered worthy of receiving the George Meany Award and is hereby recommended.

**AFFIX
SEAL**

Signed _____
principal officer

_____ title

Local union mailing address _____

Telephone no. _____

BSA LOCAL COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

I concur with the above recommendation and certify that the candidate is registered in Scouting.

**AFFIX
SEAL**

Date _____ Signed _____
Scout executive

AFL-CIO CITY OR STATE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

The Community Services Committee of _____ certifies that the record of service of the above-named candidate has been reviewed carefully and that this candidate meets the requirements for the George Meany Award.

**AFFIX
SEAL**

Date _____ Signed _____
Community Services Committee chairperson

Date _____ Signed _____
principal officer

_____ print name and title

ORDER FORM

The George Meany Award includes:

- One medal and ribbon
- One framed certificate
- One cloth pocket insignia
- One square knot

Total cost—\$100. Award fee includes all applicable state sales tax. Make checks payable to

George Meany Award Fund, BSA. (Please indicate account no. 62017-2440.)

In order to avoid delay, the central labor council or state federation presenting the award should check for completion before forwarding their recipient's application to Labor Relationships.

Return completed application and order form to:

Labor Relationships, S226
Boy Scouts of America
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079
214-580-2118

BSA, please ship award to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Approximate date of presentation _____

Please allow four weeks for delivery.