Scout of the Year Scholarships

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognizes four individuals: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Silver Award recipients and Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank with the following:

- **$5,000 1st place scholarship**
- **$3,000 2nd place scholarship**
- **$1,000 3rd place scholarship**

. To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

• Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.

• Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

• Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

• Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org.

Deadline for entries:

March 1 — Entry to the Post.

April 1 — Submission to Department Scouting Team member from Post.

May 1 — Submission to national organization from Department Scouting Team member.

Candidate entry forms are available from your Department Scouting Team member or by calling **816-756-3390, *ext.220. or at www.vfw.org***

Required Documentation

The following documentation should be attached to the candidate's entry form:

- ✓ **Photograph of the Scout** in correct, complete uniform for their current rank.
- ✓ **Section A: High School Participation Record** — a single page, one side resume of the candidate's high school activities indicating academic achievement, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- ✓ **Section B: Scouting Record** — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Silver or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Gold Award, Venture Silver or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- ✓ **Section C: Community Service Record** — a single page, one side resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- ✓ **Section D: Letters of Recommendation** — A maximum of five letters, two pages each max. will be judged. The five letters must include one each from a school, community and a Scout leader. The two additional letters should be from members of the local community who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- ✓ **Completed Entry Form** – submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified via zip code at www.vfw.org.
- ✓ **Application Instructions/Entrant, Unit Commander and Parent's Certification**

VFW NATIONAL SCOUTING TEAM

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW National Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most for decades.

Appointed by their Department Commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW National Scouting Team but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW National Scouting Team call **816-968-1116 or e-mail dparker@vfw.org.**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
SCOUT OF THE YEAR
Application Instructions

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SCOUT OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE:

***Section A* -- HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION RECORD -** Please submit a resume of your high school activities (grades 9-12) including an indication of academic achievement, offices held, honors received, and a one sentence statement of the significance of your participation in each activity. This resume should be on a single 8.5 X 11" page, one side only.

***Section B* – ENTIRE SCOUTING RECORD -** List your complete scouting record to include years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Include information on when your Eagle Award, Gold Award, Silver Award, or Quartermaster was received and Palms. Include any leadership positions held at all levels; list other Scouting activities you have participated in such as Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc…and succinctly describe your Eagle, Gold, Silver, Venture, or Quartermaster Project. This resume should be on a maximum of three (3) 8.5 X 11" pages, one side only.

***Section C* – COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD -** Use one page to list community service and religious organizations in which you have participated outside of high school and Scouting and the activities that you were involved with as a part of these organizations. Note any leadership positions held and any accolades received. This resume should be on a single 8.5 X 11" page, one side only.

***Section D* – LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

The screening committee will carefully review the letters submitted. **Only five (5) letters considered.** One letter each from your school, community, and a scout leader must be submitted. Two additional letters are allowed from other individuals within your community who may have a special knowledge of your abilities and/or accomplishments. *The screening committee will only consider five (5) letters at most. (Note: Letters should not exceed 2 pages.)*

►*Please be sure to use only this form when applying. Any other form or format will not be accepted into the competition.*
►Please follow the procedures and requirements as written, to ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible. (**Note: All entries must be typewritten**.)
►*All applications must be submitted to a VFW Post for initial consideration. The VFW Post will then submit to the Department for consideration as the Department winner.*

AUTHORIZATION

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION:
I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the national winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SCOUT/VENTURE SIGNATURE _____Date_____

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION:
I hereby certify that the above-named Scout is an active member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

UNIT LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

PARENT'S CONSENT
I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the national winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FATHER, MOTHER OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____Date_____

CLEAR PRINT

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

SCOUT OF THE YEAR
Entry Form

Photograph of Scout In complete correct uniform for their current rank must be attached to this form. Recommended Size 3"x5" (No additional photos)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Candidate Must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew,or Sea Scout Ship.

AND

- Has received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Has demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community.
- Has reached his/her 15th birthday and is enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Has submitted his/her complete entry to a VFW Post in his/her community.

Note: All applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. And a scout can only enter through ONE VFW Post.

PLEASE NOTE - DEADLINES

- A candidate can locate a sponsoring VFW Post by contacting their VFW Department (state) Headquarters as listed at: ***www.vfw.org***
- Deadline for entry to VFW Post: **March 1st**
- All candidates with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the Department's (state) National VFW Scouting Team representative or Department Commander by **April 1st**.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their National Scouting Team member to the National VFW organization by **May 1st.**

National Scouting Team Member

_____

Telephone No. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

_____
(City)

_____
(State) (Zip)

DOB: _____ SSN: ____-____-_____
(Day/Mo./Yr.) (Optional)

Home Phone No.: ( ) _____

Scout Troop Number_____

MUST SUBMIT APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

SPONSORING VFW POST

_____
(Post Number)

_____
(Street)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

_____
(Post Commander's Name)

District Certification (if applicable)

District # _____

District Cmdr. _____

Department Certification

(Must be completed by Dept VFW National Scouting Team Member or Dept. Commander)

Department: _____

Submitted by: _____

Signature: _____