

**CRADLE OF TEXAS DISTRICT
ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO NOMINATE A DESERVING SCOUT

Awards:

District Award of Merit (please use special form)

Lone Star Scouter Award

Distinguished Scouter Award

Charter Organization of the Year

Family of the Year

Herman Swift Award

Date _____

Name _____ Nominated for _____

This person is registered as _____ in unit _____

Scouting positions held _____

Training _____

Scouting background _____

Community service _____

Awards and recognitions _____

Other _____

Nominations do not have to be on this form. It can be used as a cover sheet if so desired. Feel free to include other paper, Scouting resumes, etc.

Please turn in paper nominations no later than the December Scout Talk to:

Kelly Meacham, Field Director, or mail to the Scout Office:

COT District Awards

3020 53rd St. Galveston TX 77551

Email the completed form to: **kelly.meacham@scouting.org** – If you email the form, please re-name the form using the nominee first name and what they are being nominated for.

CRADLE OF TEXAS DISTRICT ANNUAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

Awards:

District Award of Merit – This is a Council award given at the District level. It is the highest honor a District can bestow upon one of its members, usually for years of dedicated service. The number given is determined by the number of registered units in the District. (Typically two for COT district, **see below for more detailed info.**) *Award is: Plaque, framed certificate, overhand knot for uniform*

Lone Star Scouter Award – Awarded to individuals who have continued service to the District for an extended period of time. (Approximately 6 – 12 awarded per year). *Award is: Framed certificate*

Distinguished Scouter Award – Awarded to Scouters in the District who have shown outstanding leadership or service to Units, the District, training, etc. All registered Scouters within the District may be considered for this award. (Approximately 12 – 24 awarded per year). *Award is: Ceramic mug*

The following give one award for each category

Herman Swift Award – This award is not necessarily given every year. Recognizes Scouters who have excelled in community service independent of Scouting. *Award is: Plaque*

District Family of the Year – Recognizes one family which has shown total involvement in the Scouting program. *Award is: Plaque*

Chartered Organization of the Year – Presented to a Charter Organization that has shown outstanding service in the support of its Units and/or service to the District. *Award is: Plaque*

District Award of Merit General Information

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year. It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award. A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

Requirements

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
3. **Note:** The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
4. Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
5. The nominee’s attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
6. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.