



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [svanbuskirk@vfw.org](mailto:svanbuskirk@vfw.org)**.