

# Religious Awards for Adult Scouters

The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of Lafayette and the Evangeline Area BSA sponsors an annual Adult Scouter Awards program. The Bishop customarily presents these awards each year at a celebration of the Mass. The Awards may be presented to Catholics and non-Catholics, men and women, clergy, religious and professional scouters. The following is a brief overview of criteria for each award considered by the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

**NORBERT KOETTING SCOUTING SCROLL OF HONOR** - **Registration:** Nominee must have been registered as an adult scouter for a minimum of two (2) years within the respective Council and Diocese where it is presented. **Requirements:** The nominee must have exemplified outstanding service to Scouting under Catholic auspices as Unit Leader, Assistant, Committee member and/or Religious Emblems Counselor; or service on BSA area council and/or Diocesan or Council committee or board; or any service of like merit. **Restrictions:** CCS can provide only one Scroll for every five (5) units under Catholic sponsorship (*based on number of Catholic sponsored units within Diocese*).

**BRONZE PELICAN AWARD** - **Registration:** Candidate must have been registered as an adult scouter for a minimum of five (5) years within this Council and this Diocese. **Requirements:** The nominee must have exemplified unquestionable moral stature and final approval of their Church pastor. This award is chosen on basis of nominee's spiritual contribution to the Church under Catholic auspices as well as their service in the Scouting movement. They must display outstanding service similar to the *Scouting Scroll of Honor* but more directly related to Scouts' spiritual development and promotion of Catholic Scouting. **Restrictions:** CCS can provide only one award for every ten (10) units under Catholic sponsorship (*based on number of Catholic sponsored units within this Diocese*).

**WILLIAM J. McGOFFIN AWARD** - **Registration:** Candidate must have been registered as an adult scouter for a minimum of seven (7) years within this Council and this Diocese. **Requirements:** Candidate must have previously received the *Bronze Pelican* or *St. George Award*. **Restrictions:** Awards are not to exceed one half the sum of *Bronze Pelican* plus *St. George* quotas for that year (*based on number of Catholic sponsored units within this Diocese*).

**SAINT GEORGE AWARD** - **Registration:** Minimum of ten (10) years as a registered adult scouter. The nominee must be registered in the Evangeline Area Council and reside in the Diocese of Lafayette. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting presents this award. **Requirements:** Awarded for outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting Program, plus outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church AND civic communities on a level of the Evangeline Area Council's criteria for the Silver Beaver Award. The candidate must be of unquestionable moral stature and have unqualified support of his/her Church pastor. Recipient must be recognized as an "outstanding leader" in his Church and civic communities. **Restrictions:** CCS can provide only one (1) *St. George Award* for every twenty (20) units registered under Catholic sponsorship within the Diocese (*based on number of Catholic sponsored units within this Diocese*).

**B**efore formal consideration of a nominee, the Catholic Committee on Scouting must receive a completed official nomination form by the postmarked date (*published annually for the respective year in the Evangeline Area BSA Acadiana Scouter newsletter*).

The nomination form (*found on the reverse side of this page*) must be filled out in full and may be accompanied by an attached page explaining qualification of the award, and letters of recommendation pertaining to the nomination. The completed nomination form and appropriate attachments should be submitted by the published postmarked date to:

## CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ADULT AWARDS

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NOTE: The Catholic Committee makes every effort to recognize adults who have promoted and witnessed their faith in Catholic scouting and their respective church ministry. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Lafayette Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting are limited in official bylaws to how many adult awards can be presented each year, and consider all qualified entries. Annual honorees are selected based on the nomination form, and other attached information provided at the time of nomination. If your nominee has met specific qualifications but has not been selected in the current year's presentations, the nomination entry should be UPDATED and resubmitted for the following year's considerations. In fairness and in the spirit of Scouting, the Catholic Committee will NOT entertain "special consideration" or "favored treatment" beyond the written criteria for any emblem recognition.