BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFESAVING or MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARD (Review the procedure on the back page.)



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A committee of the	Council, No	, Region	
City	State	has interviewed	
Name	Age at time of action		
Parent's name	Phone number		
Address	City Sta	ate Zip	
The candidate is registered as a Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, Webelos S Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or adult (circle one) in		No	
Chartered organization			
of City	State	9	
Rank at time of action If an adult,	indicate present office in Scoutir	ng	
Upon consideration of the evidence submitted from all sources, as National Court of Honor grant the award checked below. Note: If the qualify for a national award, do not submit this form. You make committee. Local Council Certificate of Merit, No. 33732, is suit LIFESAVING AWARDS (See clause 1 on page 2.) These awards recognize the attempt to save life and an accompanying measure of risk to self. Honor Medal With Crossed Palms. Has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self. Honor Medal. Has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self. Heroism Award. Has demonstrated heroism and skill in averting serious injury or saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self.	ne action being considered is done want to write a letter conversable for this purpose. MERITORIOUS ACTION AW. These awards recognize notal involve attempts of rescue or Scouting skills and/or ideals. Medal of Merit. Has perform exceptional character that concern for the well-being of National Certificate of Merit.	leserving of merit but does not ying the commendation of the ARDS (See clause 2 on page 2.) ble acts of service that need not risk to self but put into practice med an act of service of a rare or reflects an uncommon degree of	
DEFINITIONS Heroism. Conduct exhibiting courage, daring, skill, and self-sacrifice. PERSONAL SIGNATURES	tion or performance. Special a in Scouting. 6, COUNCIL COMMITTEE	s knowledge effectively in execu- attention is given to skills learned	
(At least three signa	tures are required.)		
(Chairman)			
I certify that the individual recommended for recognition was a reg action described herein and that the procedure outlined on the l			
Attest(Scout executive)		(Date)	

REQUIRED DATA FOR ALL CASES

Name of individual recommended for re-	cognition	 		
Age at time of action	Approximate height	Approximate weight		
Name of rescued person		Phone		
Address		City	State	
Age at time of action	Approximate height	Approximate weight		
Name and location of place where action	n occurred			
Date and time of incident: Date		Time		

Enclosed are the following personally prepared and **signed** statements which are **required for all cases**: (Type all handwritten statements and staple to originals.)

- Personally prepared and signed statement by person performing action, describing the incident.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by the rescued person, if any.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by each witness, describing the action as he or she recalls the details. Include name, address, and phone number of all witnesses.
- Glossy photo of the individual who made the rescue (5" × 7" desired.)
- Summary by the council committee of the event as described on page 5.
- Letter explaining the delay in submitting this recommendation. (Required only if this recommendation will arrive at the National Court
 of Honor more than six months after the date of the action. It should be signed by the Scout executive or adviser to the lifesaving and
 meritorious action committee.)

ARTICLE X—SECTION 5—RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

LIFESAVING AND MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARDS

CLAUSE 1. Lifesaving Awards. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader of the Boy Scouts of America where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that he or she saved or attempted to save life under circumstances which indicate heroism and risk to self. The court will give consideration to resourcefulness and to demonstrated skill in rescue methods. In no case shall recognition be given where it appears that the risk involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation because of responsibility to supervise and give leadership to the persons whose lives were saved. The awards are:

- (a) Honor Medal With Crossed Palms. The Honor Medal With Crossed Palms may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self.
- (b) Honor Medal. The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self.
- (c) Heroism Award. The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in averting serious injury or saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self.

CLAUSE 2. **Meritorious Action Awards.** Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that a significant or outstanding act of service, of an exceptional character, was performed. The action taken need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but must put into practice Scouting skills and/or ideals. **Recognition shall not be given where it appears that the action involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation**. The awards are:

- (a) Medal of Merit. The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed an act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.
- (b) National Certificate of Merit. The National Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition.

CLAUSE 3. All applications should be submitted to the National Court of Honor through the local council upon duly prescribed forms, and it shall be within the discretion of the National Court of Honor to determine which type of recognition, if any, shall be given. Recipients of these awards must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America at the time the action was performed. Awards are made in the name of the Boy Scouts of America.

For Water Rescue (In addition to data on page 2)

General weather and water co	ndition, including approximate tempe	erature	
	Its name?		
	nags, rocks, sand, or mud)		
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	aring at the time of the rescue?		
			hen rescued?
Did assisted person struggle o	r grasp rescuer while being aided? _		
If so, did it result from bad judg	gment or careless approach?		
Was it necessary to go underv	vater to find person assisted?	How many times?	At what depth?
Did assisted person live?			If revived, give details of method used.
Was Scout training employed	in the rescue and resuscitation? Give	e details	
Is rescuer regarded as a good	, fair, or poor swimmer?		
For Ice Rescue (In addition	n to data on page 2)		
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Did ice break under rescuer?	If so, at what point a	and in what depth of water?	
Did rescuer fall in?	If so, how did the rescuer get	out?	
Did assisted person live?	If revived, give details of	method used	
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is rescuer regarded as good, f	air, or poor swimmer?		

For Rescue From Fire (In ad	dition to data on page 2)
Dimensions of the room or rooms	s involved in the rescue
What was the location of the fire	at the time of the rescue?
Where was the rescued person w	when reached by the rescuer?
How far did the receiver have to	go to reach the rescued?
	ns have to be carried to safety?
	cue?
	g layout?
Did the research know the sanding	
Describe in detail the danger to re	escuer at time of rescue.
Did assisted person live?	If revived, give details
Was Scout training employed in t	he rescue and resuscitation? Give details
For First Aid Coose (In addit	ion to data on page (1)
For First Aid Cases (In addit	
Was the first aid administered by	this currently registered youth or adult member instrumental in saving life? How?
What Scout first aid skills were us	sed? (artificial respiration, control of bleeding, etc.)
	3, ,
Were the circumstances such as	to tax his coolheadedness? Explain
Was he assisted? If so, by whom	and how much?
Did assisted person live?	If revived, give details
Was Scout training employed in t	he rescue and resuscitation? Give details

Miscellaneous Cases

In cases that cannot be covered under any of the sections, give as much data and as many details as possible to help the National Court of Honor to evaluate the case, paying particular attention to the use of Scout training.

SUMMARY OF THE ACTION
(This summary of just what happened in the rescue effort is required. It is a narrative description, prepared and signed by the council committee, based on its study of all aspects of the case and on interviews with the principals and witnesses.)
(If more space is needed, use additional pages.) THE ABOVE SUMMARY IS REQUIRED.

SAMPLE SUMMARY

The following sample summary is given to aid your committee in preparing a synopsis of this case:

When on May 14, 1982, William McCandless, 11, slipped on the bank of the Stillwater River behind the Englewood Dam near Englewood, Ohio, the fast current carried him into the main stream and through the tunnel under the dam. Eagle Scout Mark Sanna, 14, prepared for such an emergency by years of Scout training, removed his shoes, jumped into the 80-foot-deep water, and swam to his aid. Mark got William to shore where he used the mouth-to-mouth method of rescue breathing until the victim responded.

PROCEDURE

- 1. It is recommended that the local council advancement committee or the volunteer recognition committee or subcommittee thereof be constituted as a lifesaving and meritorious action awards committee.
- Unless there are unusual circumstances that account for the time lapse, no application may be considered after a lapse of 6 months from the action without a written explanation from the Scout executive or adviser to the council committee.
- 3. Separate applications are required if more than one member is being recommended for recognition.
- 4. The council committee must investigate the case, interview the principals and witnesses, secure necessary signed statements, and make a recommendation based upon a full knowledge of the facts. It is recommended that this committee meet within 30 days of the receipt of the recommendation.
- 5. Only members of the committee present during the interviews and involved in the investigation should sign the application. The National Court of Honor reserves the right to contact individual principals or witnesses in the case or members of the investigation committee.
- 6. The council committee bears the responsibility to:
 - a. Write a summary of the event
 - b. Complete the application in detail
 - c. Provide any attachments, newspaper clippings, etc., which pertain to the case
- 7. It is recommended that no case be forwarded to the National Court of Honor without the endorsement or statement of an eyewitness.
- 8. All recognitions are reserved for members who were registered at the time of the action. No such member should be encouraged to submit an application on his or her own behalf.
- 9. Caution is urged not to submit weak cases (in terms of meaningful action or documentation) to the National Court of Honor. Deliberations are conducted by the court not only to recognize deserving individuals but also to preserve the historical integrity of the awards.
- 10. Ensure that all names are spelled correctly. Names, as spelled on this application, will be used to record and inscribe appropriate certificates.

Address all requests for forms and other communication to:

National Court of Honor BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

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STOP! DO NOT MAIL TO NATIONAL COURT OF HONOR UNTIL CHECKING THE FOLLOWING:

□ 1. All names are correct and legible.

☐ 2. A signed statement from the individual recommended for recognition is attached. If handwritten, a typed copy is stapled to the original. □ 3. Signed statements from all eyewitnesses are attached. If handwritten, typed copies are stapled to the originals. ☐ 4. A signed statement from the rescued person is attached. If handwritten, a typed copy is stapled to the original. ☐ 5. A glossy photograph of the individual recommended for recognition is enclosed. $\ \square$ 6. A summary of the action has been prepared by the committee and is included on page 5 of the recommendation. ☐ 7. All appropriate blanks on this recommendation have been completely filled in. $\ \square$ 8. If more that 6 months has elapsed

since the action, a letter explaining the delay, signed by the Scout executive or adviser to the council com-

mittee, is enclosed.

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