

Toledo Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting Requirements for the Bronze Pelican and St. George Adult Leader Awards

These awards are presented to adult leaders in Boy Scouting who have made an outstanding leadership contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth within the program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Awards can be given only to Christian leaders that are active and registered in the Boy Scouts of America (Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Explorers). No honorary awards will be made.

General Requirements For Both Awards:

1. Currently active and registered in the Boy Scouts of America program.
2. Approval of pastor of parish where candidate is a member.
3. Provide a detailed report on candidate's service to Scouts Church, and Community.
4. Candidate for the Bronze Pelican Award must be at least 21 years old on February 15th.
5. Candidate for the St. George Award must be at least 23 years old on February 15th.
6. Candidate can be a Religious or Lay Person, Catholic or Non-Catholic.

Bronze Pelican Award:

This award is given to men or women, who are active leaders in the Scouting program. They can be from any registered position within BSA, including Scouting professionals. The basic requirement includes a minimum of three (3) years of active service (not necessarily continuous) that has emphasized the religious aspects of Scouting under the aspects of the Catholic Church. The scouting unit of the candidate or of the Scouts served need not be Catholic chartered. If a candidate has already received the St. George Award, he or she is ineligible to receive the Bronze Pelican Award, due to the higher rank and prestige of the St. George Award.

Activities of religious connotation include programs for Scout Sunday, direction or assistance in the Catholic Religious Awards programs (Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII Awards), religious theme activities for Scouting units (Packs, Troops, Posts, Crews), promotion of Mass at campouts, and promotion of Retreat attendance (see examples below). The decisions of the Awards Selection Committee are final.

St. George Award:

This award is given to men or women, who are active leaders in the Scouting program. They can be from any registered position within BSA, including Scouting professionals. The basic requirement includes a minimum of five (5) years of active service (not necessarily continuous) that has emphasized the religious aspects of Scouting under the aspects of the Catholic Church. The scouting unit of the candidate or of the Scouts served need not be Catholic chartered.

The Bronze Pelican Award is not a prerequisite for the St. George Award.

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See the examples below of attributes and activities of the candidate, which would be considered for selection of a candidate to be awarded the Bronze Pelican or St. George Awards.

1. Because of their encouragement and assistance, the Scouting unit consistently promotes the earning of all Religious Scouting Awards.
2. Notable service in promoting Catholic activities and willingness to serve on committees to promote these activities.
3. Participation in Scout Retreats – promoting other leaders and Scouts to attend.
4. Outstanding service in promoting Scout Sunday, with religious connotations.
5. Noble service in bringing Scouting to youth under Catholic auspices where previously Scouting was only available under other sponsorship.
6. Recruiting Catholic men and women to give leadership to Scouting under Catholic auspices to Units and to Council and District boards and committees.
7. Perseverance in Scouting under Catholic auspices despite great difficulties.
8. Inaugurated many service projects for the Church using Scouting assistance.
9. Responsible for other service projects of a charitable nature.
10. Responsible for transporting Catholic boys to attend Mass during Scouting functions, camporees, jamborees, summer camps, etc.
11. Consistently maintains and interprets to the BSA District/Council the Catholic attitude towards Scouting, and thus, despite handicaps, becomes responsible for having religious policies carried out to the benefit of Catholic youth in the area.
12. Promotes the 12th point of the Scout Law (Scout is Reverent) in their personal life.

Submit the form to:

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