



George Strake District Awards Summary

Nominations must be submitted via the online nomination form no later than November 30. Late nominations are not accepted.

The George Strake District Awards & Recognitions Committee determines the eligibility of each nominee based on the following benchmarks, then selects recommended recipients based solely on the information submitted on the nomination(s). The selection process is anonymous. The recommendations of the Awards & Recognitions Committee are presented to the district Key 3 for final approval.

Chartered Partner Award

The Chartered Partner Award recognizes the chartered organization who has demonstrated an outstanding relationship with the BSA unit(s) sponsored.

One recipient will be selected and cannot receive this honor more than once in a 3-year period. The recipient will receive a plaque.

When selecting the recipient, evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- Outstanding relationships beyond the normal expectation.
- Noteworthy service to youth, contributing to increased youth participation.
- Cooperation with George Strake District in achieving district goals.
- Involvement of the institutional head in the selection of quality unit leadership.
- Promotion of Scouting within the community organization.

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit recognizes a registered Scouter for outstanding long-term service to George Strake District.

The maximum number of honorees is determined by National BSA Advancement Policies and Procedures. The recipient(s) receive the District Award of Merit Overhand Knot & Plaque.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- Nominee cannot have already received this award from George Strake District (but may have received it from another district).
- Noteworthy service to George Strake District Scouts and youth outside of Scouting.
- The service may have been a single act or decision that impacted a large number of youth, or may have impacted a smaller number over an extended period of time.

Family of the Year

The George Strake District Family of the Year reflects the values of the Scout Oath and Law by their commitment to supporting the Scouting program.

One family is selected. The recipient family receives an award suitable for display in the home.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- All eligible family members actively support Scouting activities.
- Exceptional commitment to unit, district, council, national, and/or international Scouting.
- Visible application of the Scout Oath and Law in everyday activities, including Scouting, community, and church.

Leroy Golson Award

The Leroy Golson Award is named after a beloved Scouter; it is given to a dedicated worker who often labors "behind the scenes."

Any number of recipients may be named. The recipients receive a certificate.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- All eligible family members actively support Scouting activities.
- Exceptional commitment to unit, district, council, national, and/or international Scouting.
- Visible application of the Scout Oath and Law in everyday activities, including Scouting, community, and church.

Pine Tree Award

The Pine Tree Award is presented to outstanding volunteers who have supported George Strake District above and beyond the call of duty.

Up to three recipients may be named. The recognition will be a certificate and pine tree uniform device.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- Exceptional contribution to George Strake District.
- The contribution may have been a single act or decision that impacted a large number of youth or may have impacted a smaller number over an extended period of time.



Scout of the Year

This award is presented to the outstanding youth in the George Strake District who has performed above and beyond the call of duty in service to Scouting, community, and church.

One recipient is named for each BSA program: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing. Honorees receive a certificate and pine cone uniform device.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- Scout must be registered and actively participate in a George Strake District unit.
- Demonstrated service to Scouting
 - Cub Scouts
 - Participated in at least one George Strake District event such as District Camporee, Webelos Woods, Rocket Launch, or Day Camp.
 - Participated in at least one Sam Houston Area Council event such as Scout Fair or resident camp
 - Scouts BSA
 - Participated in at least one George Strake District event such as District Camporee, Webelos Woods, Rocket Launch, or Day Camp.
 - Participated in at least one Sam Houston Area Council event such as Scout Fair, summer camp, or a high adventure trip.
 - Served in a unit leadership position for at least 6 months
 - Served as staff for a BSA leadership training program
 - Venturers
 - Participated in at least one George Strake District event such as District Camporee, Webelos Woods, Rocket Launch, or Day Camp.
 - Participated in at least one Sam Houston Area Council event such as Scout Fair, summer camp, or a high adventure trip.
 - Served in a unit leadership position for at least 6 months
 - Served as staff for a BSA leadership training program
- Demonstrated service to community
 - Cub Scouts
 - Completed 10 or more service hours
 - Served as part of a community flag ceremony or honor guard
 - Scouts BSA
 - Completed 25 or more service hours
 - Led a flag community ceremony or honor guard
 - Venturers
 - Completed 25 or more service hours
 - Led a community flag ceremony or honor guard
- Demonstrated service to church
 - Cub Scouts: earn the appropriate religious emblem or display other demonstrated service to your church.
 - Scouts BSA: earn the appropriate religious emblem or lead a Scouts' Own worship service.
 - Venturers: earn the appropriate religious emblem or lead a Scouts' Own worship service



Scout Leader of the Year

Presented for outstanding unit service by an adult volunteer.

One recipient will be named. The recognition will be a plaque.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- Must be a registered Scouter in the George Strake District
- Ensures the unit participates in George Strake District and Sam Houston Area Council events.
- Ensures the unit participates in appropriate summer activities such as Cub Scout day camp, summer camp, and/or a high adventure trip.
- Holds a yearly unit planning session.
- Has an active unit committee.
- Provided for a yearly Troop Leadership Training Conference (if Troop Leader)
- Completed appropriate position-specific training.
- Participated in advanced training opportunities within the last year.
- Led unit to receive a minimum of Bronze Level in Journey to Excellence

Spirit of Scouting Award

Presented to an individual or unit who has shown extraordinary Scouting Spirit through ongoing efforts or on a specific project.

Multiple recipients may be named. Honorees will receive a certificate.

When selecting the recipient(s), evaluators look for evidence of the following:

- Adherence to the Scout Oath and Law in all activities and undertakings.

