

# VARSIITY COACH AWARD OF MERIT NOMINATION

Submit to your local council service center.

Nominee's name as it is to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive dates of service as Varsity Coach (include month and year) \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee is a currently registered Varsity Coach with Team No. \_\_\_\_\_,

with a commission that expires on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

Date(s) team received Quality Unit Award \_\_\_\_\_

Date nominee completed Varsity Leader Fast Start training \_\_\_\_\_

Date nominee completed Varsity Leader Fundamentals training (or equivalent) \_\_\_\_\_

Attach the following:

- A list of Varsity Scouts who became First Class Scouts during the nominee's tenure as a Varsity Coach
- A statement by the team captain on behalf of the team leaders' council and the team committee chair attesting to the nominee's performance as Varsity Coach. (This statement[s] is certified by the team captain and team committee chair.)

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
Team committee chair

Certified by \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit/district commissioner

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Scout executive Council NESA chair or council commissioner



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S  
VARSITY COACH AWARD OF MERIT**

**Background**

Shortly after the National Eagle Scout Association was established in 1972, it began to make available a NESA Scoutmaster Award. The award was presented to one Scoutmaster per BSA area each year. These Scoutmasters' records demonstrated proper use of Boy Scout advancement, and a significant number of their Boy Scouts attained the Eagle Scout rank. This award was discontinued on December 31, 1987.

The president of the Boy Scouts of America requested that NESA convert its award into a Scoutmaster Award of Merit that could be earned by all Scoutmasters. His rationale was that there is a need for recognizing Scoutmasters relatively early in their work in that position, before they qualify for the Scouter's Key. It is now being made available to Varsity Coaches as well as Scoutmasters.

**Requirements**

The nominee need not be an Eagle Scout but must:

1. Be a currently registered Varsity Coach who has served in that position for at least 18 months.
2. Have achieved the Quality Unit Award at least once during the period of service.
3. Have completed Varsity Leader Fast Start and Varsity Leader Fundamentals or equivalent.
4. Have a record of proper use of the Boy Scout advancement program, resulting in a majority of Varsity Scouts in the team attaining the First Class rank.
5. Have a record of
  - Development of youth leadership through the team method
  - Positive relations with the team's chartered organization
  - An extensive outdoor program including strong summer camp attendance
  - A positive image of Scouting in the community
  - A team operation that attracts and retains Varsity Scouts

**Procedure**

The chair of the team committee has the responsibility of nominating the Varsity Coach on behalf of the team leaders' council and the team committee.

The nomination is certified by the unit commissioner and forwarded to the local council service center.

Approval authority lies with the Scout executive and either the council NESA chair or the council commissioner.

The Scout executive will forward the nomination to the director of the National Eagle Scout Association at the national office. The nomination should be approved by the Scout executive and either the council NESA chair or the council commissioner.

**Award**

A full-color certificate will be provided by NESA free of charge. A cost of \$1.50 per certificate will be charged for a certificate with the recipient's name laser-printed. Payment should accompany the order.

The National Eagle Scout Association will send the certificates to the Scout executive via pouch mail. Please allow two to four weeks for turnaround time.

A full-color, 6-inch jacket patch, No. 00147, is available through the Supply Division.

A square knot (white on tan) for the uniform, No. 05001, is available through the Supply Division.

**Presentations**

The award may be presented at an appropriate chartered organization or unit function with acknowledgment at a district or council event or at a district or council recognition event.