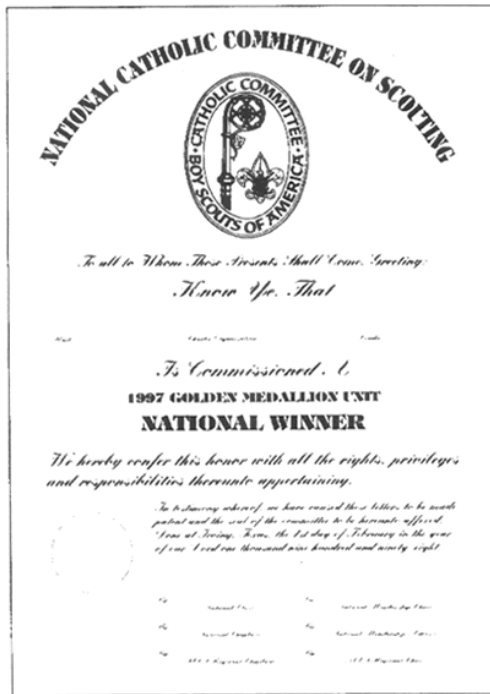




National Catholic Committee on Scouting® NATIONAL GOLD MEDALLION AWARD Application for Recognition

The GOLD MEDALLION AWARD PROGRAM is established to identify and recognize the outstanding Catholic Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venturing Crew in each of the fifteen Episcopal Regions of the United States. It is also intended to promote the National Catholic Committee of Scouting initiative to increase scouting units, youth members, and adult leaders. National GOLD MEDALLION winners epitomize those units that excel at providing youth with quality programs including religious activities, religious emblems participation, outdoor activities, and special events that encompass the religious, vocational, and educational aspects of Scouting under Catholic auspices.



National Winner Certificate

An 11" x 17" Certificate commemorating the presentation of the National Gold Medallion Unit Award



National Winner Flag

A 3' x 5' Unit Flag for each National Gold Medallion Winner



National Finalist Certificate

Presented to each (Arch)Diocesan Gold Medallion Regional Nominee

Application Instructions

All units chartered by a Catholic organization (Parish, School, Knights of Columbus Council, Men's Club, etc.) are eligible and encouraged to apply for consideration as Gold Medallion Award winners. All applications must be submitted along with all supporting materials (documents, slides, photographs, videos, newspaper clippings, etc.) to the Chairman or Chaplain of their (Arch)Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. The local Catholic Committee on Scouting will select one Pack, Troop, and Crew for regional consideration. Applications of (Arch)Diocesan winners are to be sent by the (Arch)Diocesan Committee to the Regional Chairman. Regional Chairmen and Chaplains will select the outstanding units in their Region from these applications. These units will receive the National Winners recognition - The National Gold Medallion Unit Flag and Certificate. All other regional nominees will receive National Gold Medallion Finalist Certificates.

Applications must be submitted by January 5. National Gold Medallion winners will be notified in January and appropriate awards will be sent for presentation at Scout Sunday observations or an appropriate religious ceremony. All applications must be submitted by January 5 to your (Arch)Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. This committee will select their nominees and forward the information to the NCCS Regional Chairman by January 15.

NATIONAL GOLD MEDALLION AWARD

Application Information

The GOLD MEDALLION AWARD is presented for excellence in Youth Ministry through the Boy Scouting Movement. Criteria for excellence are determined at the (Arch)Diocesan level and should include performance related to the:

- Personal and spiritual growth of each member,
- Responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community, and
- Empowerment of young people to witness to their faith by living and working for justice, peace, and human dignity.

BSA "Quality Unit", NCCS "Catholic Quality Unit Award - Pope Paul VI" and Golden Bow Membership Initiative Recognition criteria are also recommended as guidelines.

Please provide below as much information as you can to explain in detail how your unit qualifies for this award. The questions provided below are guidelines for your use and your submission should not be limited to these alone. Use additional sheets as necessary and submit any documentation you feel appropriate (photographs, newspaper clippings, videos, etc.) The information should report unit activities from January 1 through December 31.

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCOUTING PROGRAM:

In what ways does your unit deliver a quality Catholic Scouting Program to the youth of your charter institution/organization?

Describe the strength of your relationship with your Charter Organization and how this relationship is maintained.

Describe service projects (unit and individual) for your charter partner/community.

How effective is your use of the BSA advancement program?

Religious Activities:

Describe unit activities that develop spiritual dimensions of your youth members and adult leadership.

Are religious vocations encouraged in, or through, your annual program?

How are religious emblems promoted in your unit?

How many youth religious emblems were presented in your unit?

___Light of Christ ___ Parvuli Dei ___ Ad Altare Del ___ Pope Pius XII ___Other (Please explain)

How many adult leaders received religious emblems?

___ St. George ___ Bronze Pelican ___ Other (Please explain)

Membership:

How does your unit provide for continued growth? What type of recruiting techniques do you use?

Did you meet your goal of increased membership? __Yes __No

Did you qualify for ___ Yes ___ No, and / or present, ___ Yes ___ No, any Golden Bow Recognition Awards?

How do you recruit and train new leaders?

Other:

What makes your unit unique as a national example of Catholic Scouting?

How are the youth and leaders of your unit perceived in their communities? (School, parish, community leadership and recognition)

Why do you think your unit is worthy of this special national recognition?

Submission Information:

_____	_____	_____
UNIT	CHARTER ORGANIZATION	DATE
_____	_____	_____
UNIT LEADER	COMMITTEE CHAIR	
_____	_____	_____
CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE	CHARTER ORGANIZATION HEAD	
_____	_____	_____
UNIT CONTACT PERSON	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.