

Not in the Handbook Scholarships

In 1999, BSA created a document, no. 99-052, which provided helpful scholarship information for Scouts. At least two councils have continued to maintain this information. They are:

- Cascade Pacific Council www.cpcbsa.org/advancement/scholarships/
- Detroit Area Council www.dacbsa.org/NESA/scholarships.htm

An older list of available scholarships that may be helpful can be found here:
www.southbrevard.org/ScoutingScholarships.htm

The Young American Award

First presented in 1968, the award is given to students who have started freshman year in college through age 25 who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, music, math, religion, science, or service and have been involved in service to their community, state, or country that adds to the quality of life. Each council selects and submits their best nominees for consideration for the five national awards.



A Venturer who has taken steps to achieve the Congressional Award will have a good chance of being recognized with the Young American Award especially if the Venturer has continued to be involved in service to others.

The council-level Young American Award consists of a plaque to be awarded at an appropriate council ceremony. The council office typically extends the application process in September to appropriate council units and community youth-serving organizations, which then submit nominations on behalf of their young adult constituents.

For the national award, the council submits their best national award nominees. The national-level award consists of a ribbon medallion and an unrestricted cash award of \$7,500 (recently increased from \$5,000). Deadline for applications received by the national office is January 2. For more information, please visit www.scouting.org/Awards/YoungAmericanAward.aspx.

Council Support for the Young American Award

Councils can increase the opportunity for young adults to receive this award by setting up a council selection committee. The responsibilities of the committee as stated on the National web site are:

- See that appropriate council units and other local community youth-serving organizations receive applications.
- Review the applications and select council recipient(s). Notify all nominees of the decision by mail. Order the council-level Young American Award Plaque, No. 17668, from the Supply Group for presentation(s).
- Through proper public relations, focus attention on the council-level recipient(s) and their accomplishments.
- The council then submits their best national award nominees. The national-level award consists of a ribbon medallion and an unrestricted cash award of \$7,500. Deadline for applications received by the national office is January 2. Send to:

Young American Award
Learning for Life (S210)
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079
Fax: 972-580-2137

(Faxed applications are acceptable, then mail the originals postmarked by January 2.)

Applications for the Award can be obtained here:

www.learningforlife.org/exploring/scholarships/pdf/american.pdf

References for Young American Award:

- The Young American Award web site - www.scouting.org/Awards/YoungAmericanAward.aspx
- Exploring Scholarships and Awards web site - www.learningforlife.org/exploring/scholarships/