American Legion scholarships

The American Legion awards a $10,000 scholarship to its Eagle Scout of the Year. Three runners-up receive scholarships of $2,500 each.

The Eagle Scout of the Year is honored at the Legion's annual national convention.

Eligibility

An Eagle Scout of the Year nominee must:

- Be a registered and active member of a Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team or Venturing crew chartered to an American Legion post, Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron, OR a registered and active member of a Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team or Venturing crew and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member
- Have received the Eagle Scout Award
- Be an active member of his religious institution and have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem
- Demonstrate practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and the community
- Be 15 years of age
- Be enrolled in high school at the time of selection

Download a nomination form at **www.legion.org/scouting**.

The Square Knot Award

The Square Knot Award recognizes American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in Scouting, and who assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion. The award includes a gold-and-purple square knot for wear on the Scout uniform, a certificate and congratulatory letter from The American Legion's national commander.

To learn more, email **scouting@legion.org** or download award requirements at **www.legion.org/scouting**.

How can my American Legion post sponsor a troop/pack/crew?

- Invite a local Boy Scout representative to speak to your post leadership about Scouting.
- Consult with the department Scouting chairman and a BSA district executive about the charter process.
- Appoint a post Scouting chairman to lead a committee of parents and interested post members.
- Select your adult leaders and see that they complete youth protection and other required BSA training.
- Create a six-month plan for your Scouting unit.
- Publicize and promote your Scouting program through social media, schools, churches and other community groups.
- Begin unit meetings, and once the unit is established, present the charter at a post meeting.

How do I find a local American Legion post that would charter my troop/pack/crew?

Go to **www.legion.org/posts** to find an American Legion post in your area. Contact post leaders and ask if they would consider becoming the charter organization for your unit.

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The American Legion and Boy Scouts of America

The American Legion and Boy Scouts of America: **Building character in youth, together**

The American Legion's emphasis on service to God and country is the perfect complement to the Scout Oath, which begins, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country …."

At their first national convention in 1919, Legionnaires endorsed the Scouting movement. Nearly a century later, more than 2,000 American Legion posts nationwide continue to sponsor Scout units.

For veterans and other adult volunteers, Scouting is a tangible way to be a positive influence on young people. Besides fun, friendship and adventure, the program offers opportunities to grow in character, leadership, citizenship and personal fitness.

The American Legion has a resolution encouraging posts, districts and departments to cooperate with Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in providing a program for young people to develop skills and maintain strong values.

Why Scouting?

By working with Boy Scouts of America, an American Legion post:

- Provides an opportunity for youth to learn citizenship and service – one of the Legion's four pillars.
- Adds to its visibility in the community.
- Increases its potential for membership growth. Both groups reap benefits; as post members get involved as merit badge counselors and committee members, the Scout unit's parents and adult leaders learn about the American Legion and its programs.
- Promotes among youth the honorable nature of military service.
- Has access to an even larger pool of youth who may benefit from American Legion Boys State, American Legion Boys Nation, American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, the Oratorical Contest and the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program.

Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting is for boys in first through fifth grade, or 7 to 10 years old. Led by parents and other adult leaders, home-centered activities encourage each boy to do his personal best now and throughout his life.

By learning new skills, good habits and how to keep a positive attitude, boys grow in achievement, self-confidence and respect for others. Other lessons include teamwork, physical coordination and family unity.

Boy Scouting

Boy Scouting is for boys and young men not yet 18, and who are at least 11 or have completed fifth grade (or who have earned the Arrow of Light award in Cub Scouting and are at least 10). In regular troop meetings and on campouts, Scouts learn basic leadership, self-government and citizenship. Active learning experiences include outdoor expeditions, community or religious service projects, and merit badges for boys mastering hobby and career skills. The goal is for Scouts to learn life lessons while having fun, and to adopt and live by meaningful personal standards as a cornerstone for success in life.

Venturing

Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women who are 14 years of age or 13 years of age and have completed eighth grade, through 21. Through challenging physical activities and leadership opportunities, they learn confidence, problem-solving, ethical decision-making and other life skills.

Venturing crews organize around an interest or specialty, such as high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, religious life and Sea Scouting. With the support of adult advisers and community organizations, Venturing provides positive experiences that help young people become responsible and caring adults.