Nomination for the Silver Beaver Award
Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America

To The Silver Beaver Selection Committee
I take pleasure in presenting for your consideration the nomination of the Scouter named below for the Silver Beaver Award. (Give full name, correctly spelled, and title, if any.)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____State _____ Zip _____

He/She is currently registered in Scouting as (list position and Unit) _____

and holds a registration certificate expiring _____ 20____ in _____ District.

Evidence of his/her service to youth and community standing appears in detail on pages 2 and 3.

I. Mandatory Requirements

A. That candidates for the award shall be registered volunteer Scouters within Council territory.
B. They must be at least 21 years of age.
C. They must have rendered noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth.

It is recognized that the nature and value of noteworthy service to youth might take the form of a single plan or actions which contributed to the lives of large numbers of youth or that the service might be given to a small group over an extended period of time.

II. Desirable Requirements

A. Ten years of service to youth in Scouting.
B. That the candidate has some experience in service to youth outside of Scouting.
C. Their service should be regarded as outstanding or distinctive beyond the expectation of normal duty.
D. The nominee has an exemplary record of service, reputation, and standing in the community.

Nomination Preparation Suggestions

1. Read carefully this entire nomination blank before attempting to fill it out. This is a job that requires work and research and should not be done hurriedly or in an offhand manner.
2. Remember the committee considering your candidate must judge him solely by what you put on the blank. A poorly prepared nomination is worthless. For legibility sake a typewritten form is preferred.
3. Avoid such generalities as: "She's been in Scouting for a long time." "He is active in many worthwhile causes." "He is a good citizen" and list the names of the "worthwhile causes" he has helped and what he has done for them.
4. You may call on others who know your candidate for help in gathering the facts – this includes talking to his family – BUT BY NO MEANS SHOULD THE CANDIDATE KNOW HE IS BEING CONSIDERED. THIS AWARD SHOULD COME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO THE RECIPIENT.
5. Be sure to give the full name and titles (if any)_of the nominee just as you want it to appear on the certificate. Please do not use abbreviations, initials, or nicknames. (For example: Robert Henry Bradley; Doctor Mary Francis Kelly; Captain Arthur Russell Johnson; The Most Reverend Joseph Brown, D.D.; Vice Admiral John Donald Morrison; The Honorable Cynthia Joanne Mitchell, etc.)
6. Furnish as much information as possible for the three sections on page 2 and 3. For example, in section c: president, Libertyville Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; Vice-president PTA; adjutant, American Legion Post 43; medical director, Cross County Hospital; Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Council 16; etc.
7. **In fairness to everyone, all pertinent information regarding the candidates qualifications is to be included only on this nomination form.**

For Committee Use only:_____

Information for Guidance of Silver Beaver Selection Committee

I have carefully read the conditions governing nominations on the first and last pages of this blank and believe the Scouter named is qualified for the following reasons:

a. **Registration record in the Boy Scouts of America with dates and offices held listed chronologically.** (Unit numbers and name of Chartered institutions in cases where service is unit connected.)

From	Year	To	Positions	Chartered Organization Name/Unit Number or District/Council Name

b. Awards or Recognition Received in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting or Venturering:

c. Statement covering the nominee's standing in the community, citing activities in which he/she is MOST ACTIVE in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, and other fields, exclusive of Scouting:

d. **Record of noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the territory under the jurisdiction of this council.** (This is the most critical part of the nomination form – consider how Scouting is better because of the individual's contribution. Also tell how his/her service is above normal.)

e. Business, profession, occupation and title:

f. Family Background:

Married _____ Number of years _____ Spouse's name _____

Number of Children _____ Boys Ages _____ Girls Ages _____

Were children in Scouting? _____

Nominator Information:

Name of Scouter making nomination _____

Position in Scouting _____ District _____

Address _____City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____

As a nominator if your candidate is selected you will be asked to insure the participants attendance, and aid in notification and encouragement of family and friends to attend the presentation ceremony.

Remember that the Council is limited in the number of Silver Beaver Awards it can confer in a calendar year so it is not uncommon for nomination blanks to be updated and resubmitted for consideration next year.

NOTE: The nomination is confidential. To avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of your action in their behalf.

National Council Regulation Governing Silver Beaver Award
Charter and By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America

- The Silver Beaver Award is a national award presented by councils.
- Annually, the council president will appoint a Silver Beaver Award committee who will consider candidates and make recommendations.
- Nominations will not be considered for former professional Scouters within 5 years of their leaving the profession.
- Nominations cannot be made for posthumous awards.
- The award is limited to adult's 21 years of age or older.
- The requirements and procedures are contained in the following excerpt from the Rules and Regulations:

--Article X. Program (awards for distinguished service to youth) – Rules and Regulations –

Section 6
Silver Beaver Award
Clause 3. The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedures.

(a) This award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than thirty days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.

(b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Boy Scouters, Cub Scouters, and Venture leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.

(c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.

(d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.

(e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public function.

(f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than sixty units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional sixty units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.

(g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.

Applications must be received in the Longhorn Council Fort Worth Service Center **by 5:00 on Tuesday March 1, 2005**.

Send applications to: **Silver Beaver Selection Committee**
Longhorn Council, BSA
4917 Briarhaven Road
Fort Worth TX 76109

LATE APPLICATONS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED