

VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD



1. What is the Venturing Leadership Award?

The Venturing Leadership Award (VLA) is presented to Venturers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code.



2. Do the recipients have to meet any requirements?

Yes. VLA candidates must be registered and involved in Venturing as a Venturer or an adult for at least one year. They must hold a leadership position or office at the unit, district, council, area, region, or national level, as appropriate for the award.

3. Can a BSA Professional receive the Venturing Leadership Award?

Yes. The Venturing Leadership Award is one of the few awards in the BSA which may be presented to youth, volunteer adults, and professionals.

4. Who should receive a Venturing Leadership Award?

In addition to meeting the requirements, VLA recipients should show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers on the level appropriate for the award.

5. Are there different recognition levels?

There are three different levels: Council, Regional, and National. The Council VLA is presented to Venturers and adults for service and leadership rendered at the unit, district, or council levels. The Regional VLA is presented to Venturers and adults for service and leadership rendered at the area and region levels. The National VLA is presented to Venturers and adults for service and leadership rendered at the national level.

6. What recognition devices are available to VLA recipients?

Those who receive the Venturing Leadership Award at the council level may wear a blue-and-white ribbon around their necks with a Venturing medallion suspended at the bottom. Regional VLA recipients may wear a green-and-white ribbon with the suspended medallion. National VLA recipients may wear a red-and-white ribbon with the suspended medallion. Recipients of every level are entitled to wear the tri-color cloth knot on their field uniform.

7. Is there an official nomination form?

Although there is a recommended nomination forms, many councils have created their own nomination form. To find out if your council has their own nomination form, contact your local scout office. All regional and national VLA nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form. [Download the official nomination form here.](#)

8. How do you nominate someone for the Venturing Leadership Award?

For the council VLA, contact your local scout office for information about submitting nomination forms.

All region VLA nominations must be mailed to the respective regional office:

Central Region

Attn: Joseph Vollmer
230 West Diehl Rd
Naperville, IL
60566-7085

Northeast Region

Attn: Bob Legg
P.O. Box 268
Jamesburg, NJ
08831-0268

Southern Region

Attn: Greg Taylor
P.O. Box 440728
Kennesaw, GA
30160

Western Region

Attn: Gene Wadford
4765 S. Lakeshore Drive
Tempe, AZ
85285-2019

All national VLA nominations must be mailed directly to the National Scout Office:

Boy Scouts of America, National Council

Attn: Venturing Division
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

9. How are the recipients selected?

Selection of VLA recipients varies from council-to-council, region-to-region. It is highly recommended that a selection committee is formed consisting of both youth and adults who have already received the award. For more information about selection of the VLA, please contact your local scout office or regional office.

10. Are there any quota restrictions on the number of awards?

Councils may present two awards for youth and two awards for adults per year for up to 50 crews/ships and one additional youth and adult award per year for each fraction of 25 crews/ships above 50. Regions may present 12 youth and 12 adult awards per year. National Council may present six youth and six adult awards per year.

11. When should Venturing Leadership Awards be presented?

Venturing Leadership Awards should be presented at courts of honor, awards banquets, or Venturing events. Usually the selection committee will choose when to present each award.

12. Who has received the National Venturing Leadership Award?

2000:

Dr. Richards S. Miller
Donna Cunningham
Jimmie Homburg
Jonathan Fulkerson
Gavin Svensen
Christopher K. Sokolov
Sylvester Tan
James A. Umberger

Ed Burke, Jr.
Larry Cunningham
Bob Soldivera
James Wells
Chad King
Robert French
Jim Elroy

2001:

Katherine 'Kate' Knuth
James 'Wesley' Miller
Daniel H. Bronstein
Bruce Johnson
R. William Evans
Jeremiah M. Crabtree

Kelly McGovern
Kristopher J. Zahrobsky
Robert Legg
F. Melvin Hammond
Ronald L. Sunker

2002:

Rod Mortensen
Francesca Anne Scanio
Robert Andrew Rescot
Timothy Burchett
Kerry Cheesman
Ryck Lydecker

Jin Matsumoto
Christine Lynne Capen
Marissa Morgan
Katie Hagen
William James
Bradley D. Harris

2003:

Charles J. Holmes
Signe Rogers
Matt Szramoski
Cyrus Lawyer IV
Thomas Franklin
Melisa A. Bures
Susan Derk

Gregory Carstens
Clayton Cranor
Sam Stocker
Thomas Southard
Nathan Petrusak
Raymond Derk
Cassie Johnson

2004:

Theodore H. Smith
Danielle Bird
Iris Kalkofen
William Robinson
Dorothy R. Brown
Wm. Lee Popham
C. Ben Jelsema

Christopher A. Kerzich
Randall Porch
Joshua Green
Walter E. Whitacre
William W. Daggett
Carl Shellhorn

2005:

J. Stephen Fossett
Amy Frantz
Bridget M. Degel
David A. Wilson
Rhoda Clayton

James Houghton
Lee Y. Barrera
Amara (Amy) Cramer DiFrancesco
Richard B. Cuciti

2006:

Craig Burkhardt
John F. Smith
Dr. Michael Barrett
Marguerite Belli
Brian Casper
Roberta L. Dougherty

Paul Dillon
Ian Cheesman
Jess Rumburg
Paul Robert Lee
Jesse Milton