

# 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: John Van Dreesse  
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: Youth Development Team, S209  
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