

CRITERIA FOR BAPTIST UNIT AWARD:

Purpose: The Baptist Unit Award of Excellence is a three-level program that recognizes exemplary units chartered to Baptist Churches. Quality units with a leadership team committed to ministry become an integral part of the Church's outreach to the community. They have a positive impact on Scouts and their families and they rarely become dropped units.

Recognition: Units that earn the recognition are awarded a certificate and a ribbon. A distinctive patch may be purchased for each member of the unit at a cost of \$1.65 each. To qualify for the recognition the unit must meet eight of the following requirements during the current charter year, including all requirements marked with an "*." Note: This award is a three-level award. In the first-year units earn the level 1 recognition. In succeeding years, they may earn the level 2 and level 3 recognitions. Each successive award must be earned within two re-Charter years of the previous level recognition (not more than six years).

Requirements: To qualify for recognition, a unit must meet eight of the following ten requirements during *the current charter year*, including all requirements marked with an asterisk.

- * 1. A unit must have earned the BSA Quality Unit Award (or equivalent) in the charter year just completed.
- * 2. 30% or more of the registered youth members in the unit must be actively enrolled in or have completed the appropriate religious emblem for their age and religious affiliation.
3. The minister or qualified pastoral appointee must be involved as a counselor in the P.R.A.Y. (formerly God and Country) religious emblems program.
4. The unit must participate in Scout Sunday at the Baptist Church where it is operated.
- * 5. The unit must provide regular worship opportunities when away from home on Sundays.
- * 6. Either the unit leader or committee chairman must be an active member of a Baptist Church.
7. At least half of the unit committee members must be active in a Baptist Church.
8. The unit must have completed at least one service project for the chartered organization during the last twelve months.
- * 9. At least once each year, members of the unit must be instructed in the meaning and responsibilities embodied in the "Duty to God" principle of the Cub Scout Promise, Boy Scout Oath and Law, or Venturing or Explorer Code.
10. Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews or Varsity Scout Teams must also have at least one chaplain-aid. The unit must have a designated adult serving as unit chaplain.

How to Apply: Upon completion of the requirements, fill out the application form and send to the Association of Baptists for Scouting, 1150 Hilfiker Lane SE, Salem, OR 97302. Include payment for the number of patches ordered at \$1.60 each.

Baptist Unit Award of Excellence

Application for Recognition

Circle One Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

Unit Number _____ Pack, Troop, Team, Post, Crew, Ship

Owned by _____ Baptist Church of _____

Has completed the following requirements (Circle all that apply):

***1 *2 3 4 *5 *6 7 8 *9 10**

Today's date _____

Date Unit secured Level 1 recognition: _____

Date Unit secured Level 2 recognition: _____

Council name and No. _____

Signatures of:

Pastor _____

Chartered Organization Representative _____

Unit Committee Chairman _____

Unit Leader _____

Scout Executive _____

Mailing to: _____

Street: _____; City _____, State _____ Zip _____

Email contact _____

Home Phone _____ Mobil _____

Patches are provided at \$1.60 each. Please provide _____ patches for Baptist Unit Award of Excellence patches. Check in the amount of _____ is enclosed made payable to The Association of Baptists for Scouting.

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