

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 Scouts BSA 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 Scouts BSA 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 or her religious institution and have received the appropriate Scouts BSA religious emblem
- Demonstrate practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and the community
- Be at least 15 years of age
- Be enrolled in high school at the time of selection

Download a nomination form at 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 a congratulatory letter from The American Legion's national commander.



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

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

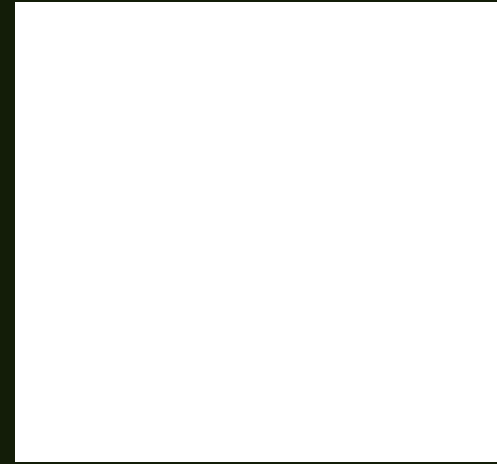
- Invite a local BSA representative to speak to your post leadership about Scouting.
- Consult with the department Scouting chairman and a BSA district executive about the charter process.
- Appoint a post Scouting chairman to lead a committee of parents and interested post members.
- Select your adult 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/crew/ship/post?


Go to 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, nearly 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 BSA, 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 Scouting unit's parents and adult leaders learn about The American Legion and its programs.
- Promotes the honorable nature of military service.
- Has access to an even larger pool of youth who may benefit from American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation, American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, the Oratorical Contest and the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program.



Cub Scouting Youth grades K-5

Home-centered activities encourage youth to do their personal best now and throughout their lives. By learning new skills, good habits and how to keep a positive attitude, boys and girls grow in achievement, self-confidence and respect for others. Other lessons include teamwork, physical coordination and family unity.



Sea Scouting Co-ed, 14-20 years old

Sea Scout units – called ships – are established across the country on oceans, bays, rivers and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a co-ed program in which youth can grow and learn, find adventure, and build long-lasting friendships.



Scouts BSA Youth 11-17 years old

Scouts learn basic leadership, self-government and citizenship. Active learning experiences include outdoor expeditions, community or religious service projects, and merit badges for boys and girls 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 Co-ed, 14-20 years old

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



Exploring Co-ed, 10-20 years old

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and organizations in their communities. Businesses and community organizations initiate a career-specific Exploring post or club by matching their people and organizational resources to the career interests of youth in the community. The result is a program of interactive activities that helps youth grow, develop and pursue their special interests.