



ASO Central District Education Department



2026 Anne Svec Merit Award Application

Personal Information

Date: _____ Sokol Unit: _____

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date Applicant Enrolled in Sokol: _____

Father's Name: _____ Member of Sokol

Mother's Name: _____ Member of Sokol

Eligibility (please circle Y or N)

At Least Three Years Combined of Regular Class Attendance as a Youth Member and/or Adult Membership in a Central District Unit:
(Junior Members may be included but must become adult members)

Letter of Recommendation:
(Comments / Verification of good standing must be attached)
(May be from any unit officer, except Educational Director. **If at all possible, please refrain from submitting letters of recommendation from family members.**)

Prior Recipient of Central District Merit Award:
If yes please indicate what year(s): _____

Wallet Sized Photograph Included with Application:
(For publication upon receiving award)

Typed Essay:
(Typed, on separate sheet, **minimum of 200 words**)

Academic Information

Name of High School Attended: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Address of High School: _____

Name of College, University, or Trade School Where Planning to Attend or Currently Enrolled: _____

Main Address for School: _____

Anticipated Collegiate Major / Minor / Course of Study: _____



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Sokol and Background and Activities:

Criteria a, b, c, and f, are weighted 10 points each, d 5 points, and e weighted 15 points. There are 60 points total. A minimum score of 70% (42 points) is needed to qualify. The top two qualifying scores will receive the award. The Anne Svec Merit Award was revised in 2020. The total amount any recipient can receive is capped at \$2,500.00.

- a. Cultural and Educational Activities Participation (List all activities related to culture and education)

Judge's Score (10pts max) _____

- b. Unit Participation (List participation in physical program - classes, coaching or assisting, unit administration, fundraising, social, building maintenance, etc.)

Judge's Score (10pts max) _____

- c. District and National Participation (List participation in Slets, competitions, clinics/schools/courses, etc.)

Judge's Score (10pts max) _____

- d. Extracurricular Activities Non-Sokol Related (Include; school, civic, charitable, volunteer, etc.)

Judge's Score (5pts max) _____

- e. Essay Question: "Where do you see your future, relative to your involvement in Sokol?" (Suggested 200 words)

Judge's Score (15pts max) _____

- f. Letter of Recommendation. (May be from any unit officer, except Educational Director. **If at all possible, please refrain from submitting letters of recommendation from family members.**)

Judge's Score (10pts max) _____



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Conditions and Acceptance of Award:

1. A transcript of grades must be forwarded by the award recipient to the Central District Educational Director at the Central District office no later than September 1, 2027.
2. The transcript must reflect a grade of "C" or better during the final semester or quarter of the 2026-2027 school year.
3. The award recipient agrees (s)he will not engage in campus disorder, violent demonstrations and/or subversive movements and will practice responsible citizenship.
4. If the award recipient is unable to meet the above conditions or the recipient is ineligible according to the **Terms of Eligibility**, the award must be returned in full by the end of the award calendar year.

I have read the conditions and agree. Please initial: _____

Applicant, President and Director Signatures:

Unit President Signature: _____ Date _____

Unit Physical Director Signature: _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the submitted information is accurate and correct, and agree to uphold the conditions of the Anne Svec Merit Award if I am selected.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application must be emailed or postmarked by 11:59 pm on May 1, 2026.

**Central District Educational Director
 Bro. Mike Dropka
 613 Beverly Avenue
 Addison, IL 60101
mikedropka@hotmail.com**