

MERLE MILLER AWARD
Eagle Scout Project of the Year 2024 (recognized in 2025)
Crossroads of America Council
NOMINATION

The Merle Miller award recognizes an Eagle Scout whose Eagle Scout Service Project is selected as the Crossroads of America council's outstanding project from the year prior to the nomination deadline.

Merle H. Miller (1905-1997) was a prominent attorney and civic leader in the Indianapolis community. He earned the rank of Eagle in 1921 in Indianapolis Boy Scout Troop 82. He served on Camp Belzer staff and was a Firecrafter Minisino. He also served as Chief of the Firecrafter organization. He co-founded the Ice Miller law firm in Indianapolis, and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1989 for his tireless work in support of various organizations, including Scouting. This award continues to be possible each year through the generosity of the Merle Miller family and Ice Miller LLP.

The honoree will also be nominated by the council for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams national Eagle Scout Service Project of the year award. For this reason, all council nominations are to be submitted on the national form (attached). Winners at the regional and national level are recognized with additional scholarships.

Application Deadline for 2024 Eagle Scout: **January 31, 2025**

Selection Process:

- An Eagle Scout, the Scout's parent, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit an Eagle Scout service project for consideration.
- The Scout passed an Eagle Scout board of review in the 2024 calendar year in the Crossroads of America council.
- The nomination consists only of the attached form and a complete duplicate copy of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook previously submitted to the council for the Scout's board of review.
- The Crossroads of America council honoree will be selected in February.
- The winning project will then be submitted for regional and national consideration.
- The Merle Miller Eagle Scout Project of the Year award is presented at the annual council awards dinner.
- The accompanying \$1,000 college scholarship is paid directly to the institution in which the candidate enrolls.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Project planning
- Effort to develop the project and overcome challenges
- Extent and character of leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Project's leverage, inspiring others to act
- Originality and lasting impact of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

The nomination form and project workbook attachment may be submitted either in person, by mail, or by email. It must be *received* not later than January 31, 2025 to be considered.

Mail or deliver to: Crossroads of America Council
Boy Scouts of America
ATTN: Advancement Advisor
7125 Fall Creek Road North Indianapolis, IN 46256

or email to BOTH: lifetoeagle@cacin.us
advancement.cac@gmail.com



National Eagle Scout Association (NESA)



The Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

NOMINATION FORM

EAGLE SCOUT INFORMATION

Eagle Scout Name: _____ Eagle Scout Board of Review Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Nominator Name: _____ Nominator Relationship to Eagle Scout: _____

Nominator Cell Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

COUNCIL INFORMATION

National Service Territory #: _____ Council #: _____ Council Name: _____

Don't know your Council Name or Number? <https://www.scouting.org/about/local-council-locator/>

Don't know your National Service Territory Number? <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/properties/territory-maps/>

SUBMITTING AN EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

- Completed nomination forms shall be submitted to the local council on or before January 31st of each year.
- A **SINGLE PDF FILE** with the following items should be submitted with this nomination form:
 - Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
 - Up to 10 project photographs
 - **OPTIONAL** supporting documentation (drawings, news articles, etc.)
- Contact your local council with any questions (<https://www.scouting.org/about/local-council-locator/>).

PROJECT SUMMARY VIDEO

It is strongly recommended that the Scout record a short video that can be part of this nomination form that is between 3-5 minutes, tells the story of their Eagle Scout Service Project and describes the impact on their community as well as themselves. The video file format must be MP4, WMV, or MOV. It should be uploaded to a cloud-based storage site (such as Google Drive or Dropbox) with permission to download and the link should be provided below. Please use a short URL if possible.

Link: _____

SCOUT'S CONSENT

I hereby consent to the submission of my Eagle Scout service project for consideration of this award.

Scout's Signature: _____ Date: _____

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Council NESA Committee shall select one service project of the year from among those meeting the submission guidelines. The evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:

- Project planning required
- Effort to develop the project, taking into account challenges overcome by the Scout such as disability or limited financial capacity for the Scout/Scout family
- Extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Did the project create a "leverage opportunity" where it inspires others to expand the scope of the project
- Originality of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

FOR LOCAL COUNCIL USE ONLY COUNCIL APPROVAL

The _____ Council NESA Committee has selected _____ as recipient of the Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. We hereby submit this nomination to the National NESA Committee for consideration as recipient of National Service Territory (NST) Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

Council NESA Committee Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____

Committee Staff Adviser Signature: _____ Date: _____

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING COUNCIL WINNER

- The council winner shall be submitted to the National Eagle Scout Association on or before February 28th of each year.
- Councils must submit their winner electronically using the link below (**emailed or mailed submissions will not be accepted**).
- A signed copy of this completed nomination form in PDF format AND a single PDF file with the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, up to 10 project photographs, and any optional supporting documentation (drawings, news articles, etc.) will need to be uploaded.
- This must be done by an individual with a scouting.org email address and will require additional council information.
- **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION LINK:** <https://forms.office.com/r/A7zjqyhbsr>
- Questions? adams.award@scouting.org