## 2025-2026 SCOUTING PROGRAM

Some of our earliest ties to the community involve youth groups and perhaps none are stronger or more lasting than the relationship between the VFW and America's scouting organizations. In fact, our partnership with the Boy Scouts of America dates back to 1915 when VFW Post 2100 helped to establish Troop 1 in Everett, Washington.

Ten (10) points for sponsoring each of: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts Exploring, Ventures, Sea Scouts Daisy Scouts, Brownie Scouts Jr. Girl Scouts, Sr. Girl Scouts any cadet program.

Ten (10) points for sponsoring a new unit Send copy of charter (or proof of sponsorship) to Director

Five (5) points for hosting a Scouting Presentation from a district or higher level scouter. No Max Points. Send the Director report of the event.

Five (5) points for every \$50 donated to scouting i.e. Friends of Scouting (FOS), Camperships, Century of Values, Department of Michigan Scouting Program, donation towards an Eagle project etc. If not through Department, send proof to Director No Max Points

Five (5) points for hosting a scouting function, other than normal meetings (i.e. Blue & Gold, Court of Honor, appreciation dinners, etc.). Since the Director does not see the Activity report, a copy of it or a separate report must be sent to the Director via email. Any questions as to what qualifies contact the director

Ten (10) points for every volunteer provided by the post to assist with scouting activities, other than a charter organization representative (i.e. commissioner, adult leader/adviser, committee members, merit badge councilor, etc.) Send the Director a report of leaders

Ten (10) points for submitting a candidate for Scout of the Year in any of three categories of Scouts or any of the Cadet programs. Must be submitted to the Director.

There will be Four (4) divisions:

Division I 10-65
Division II 66-125
Division III 126-225
Division IV 226 & OVER

The four division winners will be recognized at the State Convention

A plaque will be presented to the top Post in each division and a citation to the Posts that finished second and third in their division.

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## 2025-2026 Scout of the Year

Before submitting your Scout of the Year application, please review the rules and eligibility requirements.

Post can submit one candidate per category:

Boy Scout Eagle Scout Girl Scout Gold Award Venturing Summit or Sea Scouts Quartermaster Award

The Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a plaque and the Moroz-Pietrowski Post 9973, \$500 scholarship.

The winner of the Girl Scout and Venturing divisions will each receive a plaque and a Department of Michigan \$500 scholarship.

The sponsoring Post of each will receive a citation.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the National website <a href="www.vfw.org/Scout/">www.vfw.org/Scout/</a> or by contacting the Director. Submit nomination forms (one candidate per category) to the director by April 1, 2026

## The Scout of the Year

The Scout of the Year award will go to one Scout from the above categories who displays standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country. The Scout of the Year will receive a National citation.

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