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REF: Announcement- National Duty to God Award

TO: All Scout Executives

The National Alliances team and the Religious Relationships Support Committee are pleased to introduce the National Duty to God Award for active adult members of the organization.

The National Duty to God Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a history of exemplary service and leadership to faith, and a steadfast commitment in promoting religious duty in Scouting as essential for guiding the moral, spiritual, and social development of youth. This award embodies the expressions of faith, fellowship, and service of the individual awardee acknowledging the Boy Scouts of America's spiritual and religious foundation, and of those members who have looked beyond their own faith to perpetuate the legacy of a Scout's duty to God.

Through our commitment to Scouting's *Declaration of Religious Principles*, the National Duty to God Award exemplifies the brotherhood of Scouting and remains as an enduring symbol to the membership that, regardless of faith, Scouts are united in harmony with the promise of a worthy life led by duty and devotion to God.

The National Duty to God Award is presented annually at the Duty to God breakfast event held during the National Annual Meeting and is conferred to no more than four nominees each year. Candidates are selected annually from nominations assembled from local councils and the membership in general. The requirements for nomination and selection are,

- One must be currently enrolled as an active, participating adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have ten or more years of leadership and service to Scouting and the candidates respective faith tradition.
- Have received the Boy Scouts of America's faith-appropriate adult religious emblem at the time of nomination, or a comparable recognition from the candidate's religious organization.
- Have a demonstrative, exemplary history of transformational, spiritual, moral, and ethical leadership, and edifying service in the advancement and promotion of a Scout's duty to God.

The nominator(s) must also provide no less than three (3) letters of recommendation from the following individuals;

- Local council Scout executive or chief executive officer (or designee).
- Candidate's spiritual leader at the local, regional, and/or national level.
- A current, active member in a leadership role from the candidate's faith congregation.

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Further, there is no restriction on the number of applications submitted by the council. However, completed candidate applications will remain on file for two years. After, if the candidate has not been selected, a new application must be submitted for future consideration.

A more detailed description, nomination requirements, and online application for the National Duty to God Award will be posted at a future date on the Boy Scouts of America Website.

It is requested the requirements for the award outlined above be distributed to staff members and communicated throughout the local membership for recommending candidates to be considered to receive the award this year at the 2017 National Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. All required nominating materials and supporting documentation for qualified individuals selected from council membership must be submitted in one, collated electronic file to Gene Butler, Religious Relationships Support staff advisor, at gene.butler@scouting.org by March 15, 2017.

For further information on the National Duty to God Award or nominating process, please contact Gene Butler at gene.butler@scouting.org.

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