

Torch Award

THIS APPLICATION MUST GO TO THE CONFERENCE SCOUTING COORDINATOR FOR APPROVAL BEFORE SUBMITTING TO THE OFFICE OF CIVIC YOUTH-SERVING AGENCIES/SCOUTING

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

We hereby certify that

_____ (full name)

of _____ of Conference of The United Methodist Church, meets all qualifications and criteria stated in this brochure.

Signed: **Both signatures are necessary.**

Conference Scouting Coordinator

Presiding Bishop

Please send medal, certificate, and clutch-back pin to the following address:

(Telephone Number with Area Code)

I need this by: _____

Please allow a 30 day processing time. If less, it must be accompanied by a \$25.00 rapid processing fee.

Enclosed is a check for \$_____

or charge to:

Credit card #

Name as it appears on card

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature

Billing Address

Billing City, State, Zip

Send to:

Office of Civic Youth-Serving
Agencies/Scouting
P.O. Box 440515
Nashville, TN 37244-0515
(615) 340-7145
Fax (615) 340-1770

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THE TORCH AWARD PROGRAM



The Emblem

The Torch is an emblem of Christian faithfulness. It recognizes the builders of Christian character and service to others.

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THE PURPOSE OF THE TORCH AWARD

The United Methodist Church accepts the programs of Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp Fire USA, and 4-H) as contributing to the church's goals in ministry with children and youth.

The United Methodist Church supports the use of scouting programs as a proven way of reaching and ministering with boys and girls and their families. We urge churches to study the potential for ministry in the use of the programs of these organizations.

The General Commission on United Methodist Men, through its Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting, recognizes men and women who give unusual amounts of time and energy in dedicated service to children and youth through these organizations.

The Torch Award is an appropriate recognition for adult leaders who have given exceptional service in the use and promotion of these programs.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE

THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD MUST HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Is an active member of a recognized Christian church.
2. Has a continuous record of using and supporting the programs (for a minimum of 4 years) of the Scouting and Civic Youth-Serving Agencies in the life of the church at the district and annual conference level.
3. Has served these organizations on the unit (troop, club, etc.), district, council, or other level by active participation in the program.
4. Has a record of counseling young people enrolled in the religious awards programs.
5. Is actively recruiting men and women for leadership in these organizations and programs.
6. Has served effectively as a member of a denominational or interdenominational Church Committee on Scouting.
7. Has served as a Camp Chaplain or has helped promote religious services within one of the scouting programs.

PROCEDURES

1. A special committee, appointed annually by the Conference Committee on Scouting, receives and reviews the nominations and names the recipients.
2. The annual conference may give one award each year, plus one for each 100,000 church members or fraction thereof, and may confer an honorary award in recognition of meritorious service to persons not members of the annual conference.
3. Nominations may be made by an individual, by a local church or by the Conference Committee on Scouting and forwarded to the special committee by April 1 each year.
4. A citation will be prepared by the special committee to be read in the annual conference session when the award is presented.
5. Upon approval, the application is mailed to the Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting in Nashville, Tennessee. A certificate of merit will be prepared along with a medal and clutch-back pin. **A check for \$60.00** (made out to OCYSA) **must accompany the application to cover all costs.** Please allow 30 days for processing.