

## **CRADLE OF TEXAS DISTRICT ANNUAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS**

**District Award of Merit** – This is a Council award given at the District level. It is the highest honor a District can bestow upon one of its members, usually for years of dedicated service. The number given is determined by the number of registered units in the District.  
(1 – 2 awarded per year) See description on page 3.

*Award is: Plaque, framed certificate, overhand knot for uniform*

**Lone Star Scouter Award** – Awarded to individuals who have continued service to the District for an extended period. (Approximately 6 – 12 awarded per year)

*Award is: Framed certificate*

**Distinguished Scouter Award** – Awarded to Scouters in the District who have shown outstanding leadership or service to Units, the District, training, etc. All registered Scouters within the District may be considered for this award. (Approximately 12 – 24 awarded per year)

*Award is: Ceramic mug*

### **The following give one award for each category:**

**Chartered Organization of the Year** – Presented to a Charter Organization that has shown outstanding service in the support of its Units and/or service to the District.

*Award is: Plaque*

**District Family of the Year** – Recognizes one family which has shown total involvement in the Scouting program.

*Award is: Plaque*

**Herman Swift Award** – This award is not necessarily given every year. Recognizes Scouters who have excelled in community service independent of Scouting.

*Award is: Plaque*

**The Michael Griffin Lifetime Achievement Award** – This award is not necessarily given every year. Recognizes outstanding and sustained service to the Cradle of Texas District and/or Bay Area Council.

*Award is: Ceramic mug with a photograph of Michael Griffin that states, "Michael Griffin Lifetime Achievement Award."*

- Who is eligible?

Any Scouter that has been volunteering at the District and/or Council Level **at least 15 years**.  
(see below for years of service qualifications)

- What positions & types of service count as a year?

Serving as a COR for a year

Serving as a Unit Commissioner for a year

Serving as a District Committee Member for a year

Serving as a Council Board Member for a year

Working as staff at any single long-term camp counts as 1/3 of a year. Example: If one were to work Summer Camp, Fall Camp, Winter Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp, one would have 1 1/3 years

Chairing any District event or Council event (Cub-O-Ree, Camp-O-Ree, Native American Weekend, etc.) counts as 1/3 of a year each

One may not “double-dip” position service and camp service (if one is a COR and serves on camp staff one does not get to count the 1/3 year)

One may not “double-dip” position service. (if one simultaneously serves as both a Unit Commissioner & a Board Member, one only receives one year of service)

Acknowledgement should be made at the presentation if the person has held more than one qualifying position in a year.

- Note: Usually this person has already received the District Award of Merit.

## District Award of Merit General Information

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year. It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award. A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

### Requirements

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.

**Note:** The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

3. Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee’s attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. There is a special form to be completed for this award.