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* Scouting Record: maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms, Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation ID Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
* Community Service Record: a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
* Letters of Recommendation: Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
  + A scout leader.
  + A community member
  + A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
  + In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who special knowledge of the candidate’s abilities/accomplishments.
* Completed Entry Form: submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at <www.vfw.org>

Who makes up VFW Scouting Team

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience. Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects, They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816-756-3390 or email <mailto:kharmer@vfw.org>

Information

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| Item | Information |
| VFW Department (State) Scouting Chairman |  |
| Phone |  |

Sponsoring VFW Post

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| Item | Information |
| Post Number |  |
| Address |  |
| Post Commander’s Signature |  |

District Certification

If applicable, check with the VFW Department (State) Scouting Chairman

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| Item | Information |
| District # |  |
| District CDR |  |

Department Certification

Must be completed by Dept (State) VFW Scouting Chairman Or DEPT. Commander

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| Item | Information |
| Department |  |
| Submitted By |  |
| Signature: |  |

WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign wars of the United States awards three

individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture

Summit Award recipients and/or Sca Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

$5,000 1st place National scholarship

$3,000 2nd place National scholarship

$1,000 3rd Place National scholarship

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

* Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
* Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Cold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
* Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
* Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school or home schooled at the time of selection.

Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the

nomination years remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter

through only one VFW Post. Prior National Scout of the Year winners are

ineligible. A local Post can be identified by zip code at

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

• Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1.

• One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by April 1. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.

• The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1.

Questions should be directed to

Kris Harmer at 816-756-3390 ext 6117 or

emailed to [kharmer@vfw.org](mailto:kharmer@vfw.org)

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

* Photograph of the Scout — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3' x 5".
* High School Participation Record — a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's high school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year

Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT

and submitted DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

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| Item | Information |
| Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) |  |
| Address |  |
| City |  |
| State |  |
| Zip |  |
| Home Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) |  |
| Scout Troup Number |  |

Scout/Venture Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner. I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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| **Scout/Venture Certification:** | **Date:** |

I understand that checking (clicking) this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and warrant the truthfulness of the information provided in this document.

Unit Leader’s Certification

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active

member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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| **Unit Leader’s Certification:** | **Date:** |

I understand that checking (clicking) this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and warrant the truthfulness of the information provided in this document.

Parent’s Consent

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner. I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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| **Parent’s Certification:** | **Date:** |

I understand that checking (clicking) this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and warrant the truthfulness of the information provided in this document.