

# DIocese of Madison Catholic Committee on Scouting

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## INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING GOLD MEDALLION AWARD

### INTRODUCTION

All BSA units chartered by a Catholic organization (e.g., parish, school, Knights of Columbus Council, Serra Club) in the Diocese of Madison are eligible and encouraged to apply for consideration for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) Gold Medallion Award. This award program recognizes the outstanding Catholic Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing Crews in each of the 14 Episcopal Regions of the United States. It is also intended to promote the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) initiative to increase Scouting units, youth members, and adult leaders. National Gold Medallion winners epitomize those units that excel at providing youth with quality programs including religious activities, religious emblems participation, outdoor activities, and special events that encompass the religious, vocational, and educational aspects of Scouting under Catholic auspices. Recognitions include:

- (1) an 11 x 17 inch certificate for each of the National winners
- (2) a 3 by 5 foot Gold Medallion unit flag for each National winner
- (3) a National Finalist Certificate for each (Arch)Diocesan Gold Medallion nominee

### APPLICATIONS

BSA units chartered by a Catholic organization apply for consideration as Gold Medallion Award winners by completing a "National Gold Medallion Award – Application for Recognition" form (DMCCS Form 008). Applications forms can be obtained from the Diocese of Madison Catholic Committee on Scouting (DMCCS) at the above address. The application must include all supporting materials (e.g., photographs, videos, newspaper clippings, and other relevant documents).

### DIOCESAN NOMINEES

The DMCCS will review the applications received and then nominate one Pack, one Troop, and one Venture Crew in the Diocese as its diocesan nominees for the Gold Medallion Award. The DMCCS will then send the application and supporting information of the diocesan nominees to the NCCS Region 7 Chairman.

### GOLD MEDALLION AWARD WINNERS AND REGIONAL FINALISTS

The NCCS Region 7 Chairman and Chaplain will select one outstanding Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venture Crew in Region 7 from among the Region 7 diocesan nominees. The Pack, Troop, and Crew selected will receive the National Winners recognition - a National Gold Medallion Unit Flag and Certificate. All other diocesan nominees will receive National Gold Medallion Finalist Certificates.

### DEADLINES AND WHERE TO APPLY

**All applications must be submitted by December 5th** to the DMCCS at the above address. Unit application information should cover the period from January 1 through December 31, with data extrapolated through December 31 if necessary (e.g. Religious Emblems awarded).

The DMCCS will select the Diocesan nominees and forward the information to the NCCS Regional Chairman by December 15. National Gold Medallion winners will be notified in January and appropriate awards will be sent for presentation at Scout Sunday observations or an appropriate religious ceremony.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact the Chair of the Membership Committee of the DMCCS at the above address.