

National Hall of Leadership

Our communities are better places to live, work, and play because of leadership - expressed in extraordinary acts of service - by Scouts, Scouters, and Scouting volunteers over generations. We want to gather these powerful stories and share the significant positive impact Scouting leadership has on the quality of life in the communities we serve. That's why the BSA has created the National Hall of Leadership as part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership is not a hall or building in the traditional sense, like the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, but its purpose is just as significant. The National Hall of Leadership is an opportunity for anyone to recognize outstanding leadership by a Scout, registered leader or Scouting volunteer who made a significant difference in the life of another by the extraordinary service they have given and the Scouting virtues they have modeled.

To be nominated for the National Hall of Leadership, the nominee must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may/may not be officially registered with the BSA. They also must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer within Scouting for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old ... there is no age limit for nominees.

Nominations are submitted online in the form of a story that is 450 words or less, describing why the person is deserving of this one-time honor. The nomination period opens on February 8, 2009, and closes on February 8, 2010, the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. The final inductees to the National Hall of Leadership will total 303 ... one representing each BSA council and one selected by the National BSA Council-and will be announced at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas in May 2010.

It truly benefits Scouting in every community when we gather and share these stories of Scouting leadership making uncommon differences through very common acts of service. This is a great way for Scouts, leaders, alumni, family, friends, and any other person to join-in the BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration.

All of the stories submitted for National Hall of Leadership nominations are retained in an online database, and will be accessible for councils to use as examples of the practical and positive difference Scouting makes in every community. In addition to honoring the service and leadership of our Scouts and Scouters, the Hall of Leadership will provide our council a valuable

online resource of testimonials to share at events and to help attract new volunteers and supporters to keep council programs strong and growing. We want to encourage as many people as possible to participate in submitting nominations.

Want to help spread the word? Get the tools to promote the National Hall of Leadership program and encourage people to submit nominations. You can start by simply visiting the Hall of Leadership section at www.Scouting.org/100years to learn more about the nomination process. Those without access to the Internet can call the Minsi Trails Council at 610-264-8551 to be part of the National Hall of Leadership program.