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### **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 Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

### **Am I Eligible?**

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

1. Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
2. Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
3. Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
4. Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. Applications still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at [www.vfw.org/find-a-post](http://www.vfw.org/find-a-post).

VFW Eligibility requirements can be found at the link below:

[Eligible Requirements](#)

### **What are the Deadlines?**

1. Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1.
2. One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by April. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
3. 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 Brian Moll emailed to [scouting@vfwdeptla.org](mailto:scouting@vfwdeptla.org).

### **What documentation is Required?**

The following documentation should be submitted:

1. Photograph of the Scout - must be attached to the entry form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
2. School Participation Record - a single page, once sided resume of the candidate's activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
3. Scouting Record - maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies with years of participation, unit members and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold Summit, or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Ventures Summit, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
4. Community Service Record - a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership position held and any recognition received.
5. 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 home schooled, 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 have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.

Application can be found at the below link:

[Scout of the Year Application](#)

### **Who makes up the 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 816-968-1155 or [emailscouting@vfw.org](mailto:emailscouting@vfw.org).

## Scouting In Louisiana

### **Girl Scouts Louisiana East**

Girl Scouts Louisiana East serves some 16,000 girls in 23 parishes.

It was formed by the merger of Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana and Girl Scouts-Audubon Council in April 2008.

Headquarters: New Orleans, Louisiana

Website: [www.gsle.org](http://www.gsle.org)

Service Center: Baton Rouge, LA

### **Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf**

It was formed by the merger of Bayou Girl Scout Council, Central Louisiana Girl Scout Council, Inc., Girl Scouts Pelican Council, and Girl Scouts Silver Waters Council in January 2008.

Headquarters: Lafayette, Louisiana

Website: [www.gslpg.org](http://www.gslpg.org)

### **BSA - Calcasieu Area Council**

The Calcasieu Area Council serves the families and youth in five Parishes of Southwest Louisiana.

The Council is divided into three districts:

1. Pioneer District serves: Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Jeff Davis Parish;
2. Cypress Knee District serves: Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes
3. Thunderbird District serves: Beauregard and Vernon Parishes.

Headquarters: Lake Charles, Louisiana

Website: <https://www.calcasieubsa.org/>

### **BSA - Evangeline Area Council**

The Evangeline Area Council serves Scouts in Acadia, Evangeline, Lafayette, Iberia St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermillion parishes.

The Evangeline Area Council is divided into 2 geographical areas called districts:

1. The Kuna Nisha District: Lafayette South, St Martin, St. Mary, Iberia and Vermillion Parish's
2. The Bon Temps District: Lafayette North, St. Landry, Evangeline, and Acadia Parish's.

Headquarters: Lafayette

Website: <https://www.eacbsa.org/>

### **BSA - Istrouma Area Council**

Istrouma Area Council serves Scouts in 13 parishes in Louisiana

The council is administratively divided into districts:

Avondale District: East and West Feliciana Parishes, northern portion of East Baton Rouge Parish,

1. Pointe Coupee Parish, and Wilkinson County, Mississippi
2. Bogue Tuchia District: St. Tammany and Washington Parishes
3. Chapepeela District: Tangipahoa and eastern Livingston Parishes
4. Red Stick District: inner-city Baton Rouge, primarily at-risk youths
5. Tunica District: portions of East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes
6. Sewell-Eagle District: North and South Baton Rouge
7. Cypress Chauve District: Ascension and portions of St. James and Iberville Parishes
8. Exploring District: Explorer Posts in Greater Baton Rouge
9. Operation First Class District: Learning for Life Units

Headquarters: Baton Rouge

Website: <https://www.iacbsa.org/>

### **BSA - Louisiana Purchase Council**

The Louisiana Purchase Council serves 20 parishes in Northeast and Central Louisiana.

1. Pioneer District: Ouachita, Morehouse, East Carroll, West Carroll, Richland, Franklin, Tensas and Madison Parishes.
2. Thunderbird District: Caldwell, Union, Lincoln, Jackson, and Winn Parishes.
3. Attakapas District: Allen, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, and Rapides Parishes.

Headquarters: Monroe

Website: <https://www.louisianapurchasecouncil.org>

### **BSA - Norwela Council**

The Norwela Council serves 9 parishes in Northeast Louisiana.

1. The Neshotah District: Caddo Parish.
2. The Scoutreach District: under-privileged youth during school hours who are unable to attend a traditional evening meeting.
3. The Netami District: DeSoto, Red River, Natchitoches and Sabine Parishes.
4. The Yatasi District: Bossier, Webster, Claiborne and Bienville Parishes.

Headquarters: Shreveport

Website: <https://www.norwela.org>

### **BSA - Southeast Louisiana Council**

The Southeast Council serves 11 parishes in Southeast Louisiana.

Bayou District: Assumption Parish, Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, West Saint James Parish and Grand Isle.

1. Cataouatche District: "West Bank" of the Greater New Orleans area. The district includes the West Bank of Jefferson Parish excluding Grand Isle, and Plaquemines Parish.
2. The Cypress District: East Saint Tammany Parish and Saint Bernard Parish.
3. The district includes the communities of Slidell, Pearl River, Lacombe, Chalmette, Violet
4. The Fleur de Lis District: "East Bank" of Greater New Orleans area. The district includes all of Orleans Parish.
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6. The Pelican District: "East Bank" of Greater New Orleans area along with the River Parishes. The district includes East Jefferson Parish, Saint Charles Parish and West Saint John Parish.
7. Emerging Market District: In school Units and areas in our Council where Scouting is being developed and cultivated (Scoutreach)

Headquarters: Metairie

Website: <https://www.bsa-selacouncil.org>