

# THE STORY OF THE SILVER BEAVER

Sources: David L. Eby, George J. Fisher, et al.

In 1931, the BSA's National Vice President, Mortimer L. Schiff, impressed with the values recognized by the Silver Buffalo Award, recommended an award recognizing distinguished service to youth in a local council. Introduced as a pin-on medal, it was switched to a neck ribbon medal due to the heavy weight of the medallion.

The Silver Beaver was initially awarded only to men. The Silver Fawn Award, an equivalent for women, was awarded starting in 1971. It used the same knot insignia, but on a blue background, as women were mostly involved in Cub Scouting. The Silver Fawn was discontinued in 1974, when the Silver Beaver began to be awarded to women. A total of 2,455 Silver Fawns were awarded to outstanding women before the award was discontinued.

Nominations made by local councils are approved by the National Court of Honor. These awards are given on a highly restricted basis: One award may be given each year for every 60 units in the council. Nationwide, about 800 awards are given annually.

Today the Silver Beaver is awarded for noteworthy service at the council level of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters.

Nominations for the Silver Beaver are accepted each fall. For details, visit: <https://wdboyce.org/advancement>





- 1931** Ralph J. Heffernan  
Willard A. Polite
- 1932** Lloyd E. Eyer
- 1933** Edward M. Lebkuecher
- 1934** Leroy L. Shutes  
Dr. Christopher Oglevee  
Dr. Fred M. Meixner  
George L. Luthy  
Harry J. Finney  
John Staley
- 1935** Eugene F. Lohnes  
Clarence C. Griggs  
Joseph A. Reinhardt  
John Young
- 1936** Lothrop S. Perkins, Jr  
John D. Lent  
Phil L. Bolinger, Sr.
- 1937** Rev. Robert Mannaschott  
Carl Nash  
Aman L. Ohlman  
William S. Prettyman  
William A. Clendenin  
Harry C. Sweger  
Clarence H. Wilson  
Frank W. MaGee
- 1938** Fred B. Albrecht  
Carl H. Placher  
Carl E. Steinfort  
George Stone  
Frank Turner  
Alphonso A. Ulbrich
- 1939** Claude K. Foote  
J. M. French  
Thomas Freebairn  
Dr. Ray W. Doud
- 1940** Fred G. Garrels  
George S. Carruthers  
George F. Zellmer  
Rev. Henry E. Rompel  
Maurice E. Steele  
Dr. William P. Fread
- 1941** Lyall Edwards  
John W. D. Hill  
Abraham L. Kline  
Victor H. Lundberg  
Archibald C. Holding
- 1942** J. Edward Martin  
Roy W. Gauwitz  
Carl F. Wacker  
H. H. Nienaber  
Joyce C. Jaspers
- 1943** Calvin C. Oakford  
Howard Phillips  
John M. Welch  
Elry E. Tucker  
Charles W. Routson
- 1944** Harry F. Augspurger  
William C. Mundt  
Glenn Kemp  
Ferdinand A. Bock  
Ernest L. Sullivan
- 1945** Clarence G. Thorson  
Diedrich H. Eints  
F. L. Simmons  
G. W. Warrick  
Judge William S. Ellis  
Harry B. Metcalf
- 1946** Robert Zimmerman  
Elmer Zimmerman  
William M. Ashley  
Arthur L. Dierstein  
Dewey H. Montgomery  
Roy S. Anderson
- 1947** John S. Gaw  
Clifford N. Hathway Sr.  
Nelson D. Isrealson  
Clarence D. Charlton  
Walter B. Humphrey  
Dr. Deane E. Doolen, Sr.  
Robert L. Chambers
- 1948** Andrew "Tony" Pusch  
Herbert A. Blair  
Virgil J. Unks  
Louis H. Gerding  
Casimir A. Hybki, Sr.  
Lara M. Hardin  
Rev. Roy G. Hershey
- 1949** Ted Litchfield  
Rev. Robert O. Barnett  
Dr. Harold J. Deobald  
Paul L. Bone  
Ernest L. Dunn  
Clifford O. Roderick  
Russell R. Armstrong
- 1950** George W. Pardieck  
W. A. Pettit  
Roswell Gray  
Henry Thornton  
Joseph G. Dingle  
Dr. William L. Branom  
Theodore H. Hafer
- 1951** Robert W. Hundt  
Clarence W. Herzog  
Asa Carter  
Frank Dale  
Dr. Carl E. Sibilsky  
Thomas H. Hildebrand  
Arthur A. Gimbel
- 1952** John Hayes  
Walter K. Scherer  
Larry Thorn  
Dr. Eugene E. Hoag  
Dr. Paul D. Reinertsen



Charles Abel  
G. Edwin Burks  
Dr. Cliff E. Horton  
Dr. James E. Chrisman

Emery N. Noram  
Clyde R. Vance  
Charles L. Cox  
Paul S. MacNab  
Joseph U. Slagel

John A. Picco  
Clayton Fawkes  
Thomas H. Harris

**1953** Robert J. Herschel  
Roscoe "Ross" H. Beldin  
A. D. Theobald  
Francis "Frank" F. Bobeck  
Harry F. Close  
Arthur W. Barron Sr.  
W. Earl Greiner  
Harry O. Jackson Jr.

**1958** Ezra "Ed" Wesley  
Scott S. Crum  
Harold B. Goebel  
Hubert D. Boggs  
P. Sidney Neuwirth, DDS  
Jess H. Yates Sr.  
Harry H. Homan  
Henry A. Sweet Sr.

**1962** Burt T. Loveridge, Jr.  
Arthur G. Hoge, Jr.  
Jesse S. Malone  
John L. Magee  
Louis A. Rediger  
Richard H. Hunger Sr.  
W. Donald Garske  
Raymond H. Krey Sr.  
Francis B. Weakley  
Jacob C. Plattner

**1954** Millard A. Lloyd  
Alonzo Wm. Clay Jr.  
Russell D. Levy  
John J. Keefe  
Willis H.R. Culton  
Robert C. Brown  
John E. Finney  
Russell M. Planck

**1959** Reuben S. Jacobs  
Fred Bourland  
George Bunnell  
Wilfred W. Wierman  
Dana R. Leighty  
James M. Stewart  
Arthur V. Eiff  
John N. Bach  
Clifford L. Carter  
Harry Meyer  
Samuel P. Panzica  
Harry J. Hessig  
Alvin H. Mellott

**1963** William E. O'Hara  
Dr. Rudolph J. Kern  
F. N. Howard  
Robert H. Krey Sr.  
David "Gene" E. Bryant  
Vernon J. Haas DDS  
Harold H. Farthing  
Ronald C. Shafer  
Robert Hancock

**1955** Dewey E. Wilkins  
Guy Marshall  
Vernon C. Martens  
B. Howard Temple  
Joe L. Cavaletto  
Rex I. Lawrence  
Louis Shulman

**1960** Raphael "Ray" J. Riter  
Dewey R. Brownfield  
William D. Masters  
Donald Anderson  
Norman C. Carpenter  
Wilton J. Stone Sr.  
Stanley M. Seibert  
Raymond E. Mink  
Rev. Raymond O. Zumstein  
Orval E. Yordy

**1964** Warner V. Stoughton  
William H. Jones Jr.  
Donald F. Stoner  
Charles "Red" E. Carter  
John H. Purcell Jr.  
Herbert Erickson  
Gordon Johnson  
Robert King  
Hugh D. Boyd  
Charles T. Johnson  
Rev. Walter G. Batty  
Ralph W. Wrench  
Max C. Thomas

**1956** Dr. R. Lynn Ijams  
Edward L. Spellman  
Ivan L. Leonard  
John F. Fischer  
Ronald M. McKean  
George E. McManis Sr.  
Les Jordan  
David R. Laiser

**1957** Richard Williams  
Frederick V. Rippery  
Harry P. Allen Jr.  
Ivan L. Yontz  
Karl P. Sams  
Ray Erickson

**1961** Ronald E. Wenger  
M. Merle Murray  
Omer F.E. Henrichsmeyer  
Merle W. Baker  
Donald Hartter  
Samuel G. Harrod Jr.

**1965** George L. Herbolsheimer III  
John G. Ewan  
James W. Rowe  
Donald C. Kaiser Sr.  
Leonard Adams  
Edward L. Emig  
Charles V. Mattoon



George W. Brock  
Frank E. Purcell

**1966** Harold E. Stang  
James H. Hutcheson  
Alfred L. Provasi  
Robert V. Clevenger  
William F. Keeley  
Ray A. Neumann  
Roy Conrad  
Walter C. Major

**1967** Frederick C. Mecherle Sr.  
William B. Winter  
Ambrose McCloskey  
Richard Simpson  
Earl W. Wilson  
John P. Hart  
Peter J. Keller  
Vern Hogan  
Robert B. Svoboda

**1968** Dr. Donald Funk  
Dr. Wayne E. Gordon  
Dale L. Laskowski  
James J. Looney  
Howard M. Simpson  
Theodore R. Downes  
Howard F. Rohrs  
Charles D. McCrosky  
Louis E. Herman

**1969** Dr. Don E. Morehead  
Paul Jensen  
Howard B. Trimble  
John F. Sullivan  
Harold Schaefer  
William Bills  
John A. Behnke Sr.  
Wayne W. Stith  
Lawrence R. Bottomley  
John L. Mattheessen  
Raymond C. Gessel  
Robert L. Seeds  
Melvin Burling  
Philip M. Kellstedt

**1970** Floyd A. Fischer  
Thomas A. May  
Charles A. Rahmberg  
Gerald A. Roggy  
W. Cuyler VanDyck  
James O'Dell  
John Edwards  
Harold Morine  
Dr. George W. Fischer  
Bruce W. Yount  
Kathryn J. Simpson  
Louis D. Williams

**1971** Farrell M. Brooks  
Charles C. Palia Sr.  
Carl R. Stenzel  
Robert D. Deibert  
George O. Henrichsmeyer  
Melvin E. DuChesne  
Phil L. Chain, DDS  
A. Wayne Sellman  
John S. Mueller  
Glen E. Griffith  
Eugene L. Maxwell

**1972** William Piles  
Richard Thorson  
Thomas L. Geiger  
Richard R. Kleiber Sr.  
Carol H. Ingle

**1973** John L. Deffenbaugh II  
Vern E. Sipes  
Theodore E. Goffrier  
Raymond Dale Minard  
Norman D. Geyer  
Glen E. Greenseth  
Robert D. DeChant  
Paul Melvin Lay  
Norbert L. Weishaar, Jr.  
Burrell B. Witko  
Burdette B. Burris  
Robert B. Bryant  
Richard J. Jaraczewski

**1974** Bayard H. Esme  
H. Robert Fine  
Ronald K. Harris, Sr.  
David W. Lasier  
Gerald N. Quick  
Levi C. Ricketts  
Charles J. Sawyer  
John H. Sprecher  
Charles K. Wilson

**1975** Walter E. Alde  
James S. Bazzetta  
Donald L. Bradshaw  
Clarence E. Coulter  
Robert C. Krabel  
Robert D. Williamson  
Richard L. Meyer  
Ross I. Mitchell  
Delbert C. Seabert  
John E. Stegen  
Wayne E. Talbot  
Merle C. Tingley

**1976** Robert E. Ahlgren  
Allyn S. Ijams  
Thomas E. Krones  
James R.. Lankton  
Kaywin G. McClure  
A. LaClair Perkins  
Howard K. McMillan  
Richard L. Steenrod  
Virginia M. Stith  
Larry F. Fulton  
Earl T. Gerding

**1977** Richard B. Cridlebaugh  
Garland E. Criswell  
Fred W. Gross  
Rev. M. Lynn Hieronymous  
A. Warren Johnson  
Allen J. Kelch  
Gerald E. Lynch  
James R. Nolan  
Leo F. Pfister  
Norman E. Powers  
Henry B. Sinclair



- 1978** Michael P. Coleman  
William C. Boggs  
Nancy L. Fine  
William H. Fitzgerald  
O. Wendell Fuller  
William H. Logue  
A. James Lyons Jr.  
Don E. McKinlay  
H. Vincent Peffley  
Willard S. Roper Jr.
- 1979** Henry E. Bisco  
Roderick W. Herbig  
H. Laurence Johnson  
J. Michael Kernan  
Darrell D. Parsons  
Harrison A. Turley  
Robert S. Wilkins  
Douglas A. Wilson  
Melvin L. Woodlard
- 1980** Royce A. Carter  
Jack W. Dennis  
Charles L. Kookan  
Harold L. McCurdy Jr.  
Harold E. Ogg  
Robert R. McCutchen  
Robert D. Stubblefield  
Charles A. Milburn Sr.
- 1981** Raymond E. Bolton  
Harold W. Wedding  
Patricia P. Geskey  
Donald L. Ruble  
Harry Heising  
David G. Jones  
Joseph F. Heissler, Sr.  
Russell L. Smith  
Curt G. Bortolotti
- 1982** Hugh E. Abel  
William W. Corrie  
Glenna M. Hall  
Eldon H. Heitzman  
Lester W. Kerfoot  
Harry C. Owens  
Arthur E. Peterson
- Jerry B. Sampo  
William J. Shadig
- 1983** Leota C. Bier  
Patrick T. Caughey  
Gilbert E. Crane  
C. Ford Eckles  
Theodore J. Hebner  
Fred I. Lueders, Sr.  
Dr. Ralph T. Nelson  
Patricia Stone  
Russell F. Rhodes  
William F. Schumacher
- 1984** Walter T. Cwikla Sr.  
Edward D. Fierce  
James H. Gard  
Gary M. Gardner  
Roberta M. James  
John F. Sigler  
W. Earl Troyer  
Jack A. Williams  
Mark F. Dillefeld
- 1985** Sandra S. Cagle  
John W. Galaway  
Donald F. Glassmeyer  
Robert C. Hammer  
Thomas R. Lasier  
Allan R. Mitchell  
Thomas R. Soulsby Sr.  
Paul J. Wiesler Jr.  
John R. Wilson
- 1986** Wilton Stone, Jr.  
H. Glen Sandman  
David T. Bier  
Mabel R. Ryerson  
Lylburn "Sam" Cagle  
Glenn E. Bitner  
Boyd R. Critz, III  
Charles A. Taylor
- 1987** Max L. Lauritzen  
Henry A. Spellman  
Jane E. Bisco
- Edward E. Allen  
Donovan F. Gardner  
William David Voice  
Gary L. Roudebush  
Donald J. Butcher
- 1988** David C. Bossert  
Arden L. Carter  
Ella M. Cull  
Wayne E. German  
William F. Haws  
Barbara A. Lindberg  
Larry J. Mongan  
Judith A. Soulsby
- 1989** Ian W.T. Sturrock  
Ronnie L. Coons  
Shirley J. Dresden  
David B. Edwards  
Linda S. Fuller  
Ray C. Geeseman, Jr.  
Ronald A. Kirchgessner
- 1990** John L. Blasek  
Samuel Cull Sr.  
J. Paton Dellow  
John D. Green  
Robert W. Olson  
Ronald H. Redenius  
Thomas G. Smith
- 1991** James E. Beyer  
David R. Gallup  
Douglas J. Loberg  
Ronald C. Robinson  
Joann R. Seward  
James W. Stuttle  
David J. Schindlbeck
- 1992** William R. Baker  
Robert W. Briggs  
James O. Busch  
Sandra J. Clark  
Michael L. Molohon  
Gary N. Stanley  
Michael A. Stobaugh





- 1993** Robert J. Barry  
Betty L. Bickerstaff  
Arthur R. Elliott  
Paul E. McKim  
Dale L. Sielaff
- 1994** Robert A. Bjerke  
Donald E. Gensler  
Lana R. Krause  
Roy L. Maguire  
David J. Pickerill  
Joseph W. Seward Jr.
- 1995** Dale M. Mason  
Melvin L. Lauterbach  
Carl E. Fidler  
Robert L. Reuler  
Wilbur H. Williamson  
Mollie E. Perrot  
Jeff Smith
- 1996** Dennis M. Brtva  
John J. Gartland Jr.  
Christine K. Hasty  
Barbara K. Pope  
Stanley B. Pope  
Tyler B. Schoenherr  
Kenneth J. Villiger
- 1997** Frederick L. Kowalske  
Jack L. Nickels  
Brian J. Meginnes
- 1998** Connie S. Klein  
David E. Lakin  
Len H. Mueller  
Bruno P. Polli Jr.  
John M. Wyant  
Carolyn L. Yocke
- 1999** Keith A. Goetz  
Lyle J. Honegger  
Joseph P. Kelly  
Jerry E. Long  
Lance W. Weatherwax
- 2000** Michael M. Noble  
Jimmie M. Moore  
John B. Meek  
Dr. Leslie E. Johnson  
Timothy J. Howard  
Robert D. Clark
- 2001** Robert D. Bloompott  
Valorie J. Daniels  
John L. Gregg  
Frederick B. Hoyt  
Thomas D. Hutchinson  
Kenneth S. Pisarczyk  
Christine A. Trompeter
- 2002** John T. Boerner  
James Farrell  
Peter B. Johnsen  
Albert L. Lundy  
Peter J. Mangieri  
Michael W. Rowe  
Barry W. Welbers
- 2003** Byron W. Blotcky  
Stephen P. Cantrell  
David A. Coe  
Father Glenn H. Harris  
Rodger A. Salzman  
Dan Silverthorn  
B. Clifford Smith  
Mark A. Young
- 2004** Francis R. Bouxsein II  
Troy A. Hattermann  
Robert G. Lear  
Cathie J. Maguire  
Luann D. Noll  
Harry P. Price  
John Wohmbacher
- 2005** Dan W. Baxter  
Cathy M. Lane  
Dr. Robert B. Gayhart  
Michael E. Krug  
Tony J. Sorcic  
Robert M. Swafford, Jr.
- Jack E. Umdenstock  
Vernon K. Wilfinger
- 2006** Trudy C. Coleman  
Leslie A. Daniels  
William H. Dunn  
John R. Eckert  
Bruce A. Hucker  
Charles T. Purcell  
Dan L. Wilcoxon  
Robert E. Wilson
- 2007** Jane E. Catton  
Laura J. Coe  
Dale D. Hall  
Ellen W. Hall  
James H. Isom  
Michael P. O'Brien
- 2008** Christopher J. Dierker  
Sandra D. Dunbar  
Roger W. Gabrielse  
John D. Lindahl  
Mary M. Richter-Zeunik  
William D. Sellers  
J. David Smith
- 2009** Todd J. Baker  
Dr. Robert S. Bevill  
Marc V. Burnett  
Pastor Penny C. Frame  
Philip L. Houser  
Mary Jane Johnson  
Barbara J. Juers  
Wayne L. Phillips  
James D. Sinclair
- 2010** Roberto G. Avina  
Scott M. Fishel  
Martin F. Krutke  
David A. Lee  
James A. Pohlmann  
Mark L. Smith  
James F. Watts



**2011** Ronald L. Buettner  
Robert L. DeSutter  
Brent A. Eichelberger  
Eric P. Hoadley  
Calvin R. MacKay  
Jason M. March  
Mark S. Wylie

**2012** Roberta J. Hudson  
Lonny E. Johnson  
Donald C. Ackerman  
Dennis E. Lane  
Rita S. Kress  
Paula K. Cirone  
Todd D. Volker  
Lee C. Poor Jr.  
Paul J. Ernst

**2013** Daniel M. Martin  
Matthew R. Sorensen  
Philip L. Zuercher  
Dr. David L. Crawford

**2014** Daniel P. Gray  
Jacqueline A. Engstrom  
Theresa A. Hoadley  
Gary T. Ohler  
Gien-Liang Jim Hou  
William Bond Jr.  
Bernie J. Koch

**2015** Joel E. Brown  
Dr. Jeffrey L. Williamson  
Peter Coyle  
James K. Howard  
Bill Cirone

**2016** Aaron C. Albright  
Wayne W. Cannon  
Frank W. Ierulli  
Gregory C. Maus  
Donald A. Nosalik Jr.  
Kelly S. Wallace

**2017** Frank D. Beck  
Debbi M. Draeger  
Philip A. Hamm  
David L. Hoffman  
Mary J. Van Fleet

**2018** Michael B. Brown  
William D. Clark  
Philip D. Engstrom  
Joann M. Litwiller  
Melody Lea Wiseman

**2019** Jared Bierbaum  
Scott King  
Ernest Steinz III  
Deb Straker

**2020** Dan Matthews  
Neva Rynearson  
Dr. Doug Schwalm  
Greg Neuhaus

**2021** Tracy Pitzen  
Kenneth Rose  
Catherine Scheib

**2022** Russ Glass  
Tony Lees  
Tim Trantham  
Charlie Zimmerman

**2023** Phil Jordan  
Bill Maddox  
Melissa Moran  
Bob Ripp  
Stacey Reuter  
Joy Walsh

**2024** Thomas Brucker  
Michael Heger  
Stacey King  
Chris Sanders  
Jon Williams

**2025** Tom Eertmoed  
Graham Mullett  
Kris Reuter  
Roger Stien