

Scouts Canada - Awards

All Scouting Awards are National Awards

Honours are conferred by the Chief Scout upon recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee of National Council, concurred in by the National Commissioner. **Awards for Good Service** are handled differently as indicated.

DEFINITIONS

Honour

A recognition of high character and courage, gallantry, meritorious conduct or outstanding service to Scouting, conferred by the Chief Scout.

A long service award in recognition of long, faithful and efficient service to Scouting is an honour conferred by National Council.

Decoration

A metal design representative of an honour or long service award, for wear by a recipient.

Bar

An insignia conferred in recognition of acts of gallantry, meritorious conduct or service similar to that for which an honour has previously been granted.

Gallantry and Meritorious Conduct: Indicated by a metal bar affixed to the ribbon conferred with the original award.

Recognition for Service: Indicated by a different coloured ribbon, replacing the ribbon conferred with the original award.

Citation

An official document citing the circumstances for the award.

Certificate

An official document declaring an honour.

Emblem

A cloth knot or metal insignia indicative of the conferring of an honour. Emblems may be worn on the uniform, if so desired, immediately above the RIGHT pocket.

Ribbon

A distinctively coloured ribbon from which a decoration is suspended.

FOR HIGH CHARACTER AND COURAGE

THE JACK CORNWELL DECORATION

Historical Note

John Travers Cornwall, at age sixteen, served as a Boy (1st class) on board H.M.S. "Chester" at the Battle of Jutland in 1916.

Mortally wounded early in the action, he remained at his post awaiting orders until the end of the action, with the dead and dying around him. Transferred to Grimsby Hospital, he died a few days later. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. Jack had been a Scout in London, England. To perpetuate his memory the Jack Cornwell Decoration (formerly the "Cornwell Scout" Badge) was instituted.

Eligible

Youth members in any program section of Scouts Canada.

Qualifications

(a) A nominee must be especially recommended for pre-eminently high character, devotion to duty and specific acts of physical courage or must have undergone great suffering in an heroic manner.

b) The nominee must be the subject of a good report from the nominee's Scouter and an additional, independent, responsible person certifying as to:

- initiative
- industry and effort
- obedience and discipline
- trustworthiness
- punctuality in attendance
- smartness of bearing and appearance



Lapel Pin



Uniform
Badge



AWARD FOR FORTITUDE

Eligible

Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada.

Qualifications

Carries on to best of his/her abilities, duties and/or activities in Scouting despite being challenged in some respect as a result of a physical and/or mental condition or disease, have made a significant contribution to the movement..



FOR GALLANTRY

<p>THE GOLD CROSS and the BAR TO THE GOLD CROSS</p> <p>Eligible Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications For gallantry, with special heroism and extraordinary risk.</p>	 
<p>THE SILVER CROSS and the BAR TO THE SILVER CROSS</p> <p>Eligible Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications For gallantry, with special heroism and considerable risk.</p>	 
<p>THE BRONZE CROSS and the BAR TO THE BRONZE CROSS</p> <p>Eligible Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications For gallantry, with special heroism and moderate risk.</p>	 
<p>CERTIFICATE FOR GALLANTRY</p> <p>Eligible Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications For gallantry, with slight risk and worthy of recorded commendation</p>	

Sections are also eligible in cases of combined action by all or a number of its membership.

FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

<p>THE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT and the BAR TO THE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT</p> <p>Eligible Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications For especially meritorious conduct not involving heroism or risk of life.</p>	 <p>The image shows two identical medals for meritorious conduct. Each medal consists of a gold-colored circular frame containing a fleur-de-lis. The medals are suspended from a green ribbon with a vertical red stripe. A gold-colored bar is attached horizontally across the center of the ribbon. To the right of the medals is a rectangular cloth emblem with a green and red knot design on a grey background.</p>
<p>CERTIFICATE FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT</p> <p>Eligible Youth or adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications For meritorious conduct worthy of recorded commendation but which does not justify a medal or bar.</p>	 <p>The image shows a rectangular cloth emblem with a green and white knot design on a grey background.</p>

Wearing of the above-listed decorations and their respective emblems:

Decorations representative of the above-listed Honours will be worn only on formal or ceremonial occasions.

Emblems, in cloth, will be attached permanently to the Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover or Scouter's uniform on the right breast, one inch above the pocket, or in a similar position on the Beaver vest.

When two or more honours are held the emblems will be worn in descending order of seniority from the wearer's RIGHT.

When an honour is conferred upon a section for combined action the emblem will be attached to the section's flag, adjacent to the carrying pole.

On occasions when it is desired to wear a decoration it will be secured directly below its emblem. This will also apply to displaying a decoration on a section's flag.

A bar to a decoration will be attached horizontally across the centre of the ribbon of the decoration.

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SCOUTING

Conferred by the Chief Scout upon recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee of National Council, concurred in by the National Commissioner.

THE SILVER FOX

Eligible

Persons who are NOT members of Scouts Canada but who are associated with the World Organization of the Scout Movement

Qualifications

For service of the most exceptional character to Scouting in the international field.



THE SILVER WOLF

Eligible

Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada

Qualifications

For service of the most exceptional character to Scouting, normally of national importance.



Lapel Pins



FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SCOUTING

Conferred by the Chief Scout upon recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee of National Council, concurred in by the National Commissioner.

<p>THE SILVER ACORN</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications</p> <p>For especially distinguished service to Scouting.</p>	<p>Lapel Pins</p>     
<p>BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications</p> <p>For further especially distinguished service to Scouting which, in itself, would justify conferring a Silver Acorn.</p>	<p>Lapel Pins</p>     

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SCOUTING BY SCOUT EXECUTIVES

Conferred by the Chief Scout upon recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee of National Council, concurred in by the National Commissioner.

THE SILVER MAPLE LEAF

Eligible

Retired members of the Executive Staff.

Qualifications

For especially distinguished service to Scouting in excess of 25 years.





Lapel Pin




FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SCOUTING

Conferred by the Chief Scout upon recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee of the Council, concurred in by the Council Commissioner.

<p>THE MEDAL OF MERIT</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications</p> <p>For especially good service to Scouting</p>	  <p>Lapel Pins</p>   
<p>BAR TO THE MEDAL OF MERIT</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications</p> <p>For further especially good service to Scouting which, in itself, would justify conferring a Medal of Merit</p>	  <p>Lapel Pins</p>   
<p>MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICE</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications</p> <p>For good service to Scouting</p>	  <p>Lapel Pins</p>   

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SCOUTING

Conferred by the Chief Scout upon recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee of the Council, concurred in by the Council Commissioner.



<p>CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION</p> <p>Eligible</p> <p>Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada</p> <p>Qualifications</p> <p>For service to Scouting worthy of commendation</p>	
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Decorations for outstanding service will be worn suspended from around the neck, either in uniform or civilian clothes, only on formal or ceremonial occasions. Only the most senior award is worn.

An emblem may be worn on the uniform, if so desired, centred over and immediately above the RIGHT pocket.

In cases where it is desired to wear two or more emblems on the uniform, the senior emblems shall be to the wearer's RIGHT, with others in descending order to the LEFT, with the row being centred over and immediately above the RIGHT pocket.

FOR DISTINGUISHED YOUTH SERVICE TO SCOUTING

<p>THE MEDAL OF THE MAPLE</p> <p>The Medal of the Maple for Distinguished Youth Service is an award created by members of the National Youth Committee in 2007. It was designed to honour those youth who have significantly contributed to the Movement and the spirit of Scouting through community service, extraordinary Scouting participation and a solid system of personal values.</p> 	
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FOR LONG, FAITHFUL AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO SCOUTING

Long, faithful and effective service to Scouting is recognized by conferring a medal or service pin. Adult members holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada.

Service Pins for Long Service will be worn on civilian clothes.

Service as a Scouter in another country recognized by the World Conference, or as a leader in a registered Girl Guide Association, may be claimed only after a person has been registered with Scouts Canada for a three year period.

<p style="text-align: center;">FIVE YEAR SERVICE PIN</p> <p>For five years of faithful and effective service to Scouting.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">THE LONG SERVICE MEDAL</p> <p>For ten years of faithful and effective service to Scouting.</p> <p>The Long Service Medal will be worn suspended from around the neck, either in uniform or civilian clothes, only on formal or ceremonial occasions.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Original</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1950</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1970</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Current</p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Lapel Pins</p>  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">LONG SERVICE PINS</p> <p>For each additional five years of faithful and effective service to Scouting, a Long Service Pin bearing a number indicating the years of service being recognized.</p>	

IN APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO SCOUTING

THANKS BADGE

In appreciation for services rendered by anybody to Scouting

Any level of the Scout movement may present this Pin.



COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL MEDAL

Issued by Scouts Canada in 2007 to commemorate the past 100 years and celebrate the beginning of the next 100 years of Scouting in Canada.

It was presented to honour youth and adult members and those in the community who have made a significant contribution to Scouting.



On this, and on the previous pages are the Scouting Awards Currently in use by Scouts Canada. Over the years the criteria have not changed much however three new awards have been issued in recent years: The Award for Fortitude was introduced when there appeared to be a need for an award for youth and adults who did not meet the criteria for the Jack Cornwell Decoration, which was only for youth members; The Certificate of Commendation replaced the Certificate of Merit and the Commemorative Centennial Medal as shown above.

On the following page are three awards no longer in use - the old Thanks Badge/Medal of Merit, the Certificate of Merit and the Long Service Medal for Ladies Auxiliary Members. The Long Service Pins now measure 1/2 inch across. Previous to the current issue there were two different sets of pins measuring 3/8 inch across

The emblems (knots) have come in different sizes and background colours over the years: in the early years when Canadian Scouting was more closely affiliated with British Scouting the British Awards & emblems (knots) were used - those knots measured 2" x 3/4"; in the 1950's Canadian made emblems (knots) began to appear - those knots measured 2 1/4" x 13/16". The current issue of knots measure 1 1/4" x 5/8" - they were all on a grey background to match the adult shirt colour and when the shirt colour changed to tan the new knots began to appear in the tan colour.

by Denny R. May, Edmonton, Alberta - Scouting Member (since 1943)

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AWARDS NO LONGER IN USE

THE ORIGINAL THANKS BADGE

The original Thanks Badge was instituted in 1911.

This could be awarded by any member (youth or adult) to any adult who does a Scout a Good Turn. It entitled the wearer to make use of the services of a Scout at any time, but did not constitute membership.

Once the Nazi Party started using the Swastika the design was no longer in favour as a good luck symbol and the Medal of Merit design was changed.



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Eligible

Adult members in any program section of Scouts Canada and adults holding any appointment or position with Scouts Canada

Qualifications

For service to Scouting worthy of commendation

This award has been replaced by the Certificate of Commendation.



Lapel Pins



LADIES AUXILIARY LONG SERVICE MEDAL

For ten years of faithful and effective service to Scouting by members of Ladies Auxiliaries.

This award was presented along with the appropriate year pin(s).

