



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop's Award of Excellence Nomination Form





SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

The following are guidelines for nomination and selection of the Bishop's Award of Excellence recipients. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; they are indicative of some of the kinds of things that the nominator and selection committee should be looking for. Accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years of service to the AME Church, Scouting ministry, or other youth servicing agency/organization.

- ④ Promoting the religious emblems programs for AME youths or serving as a counselor or mentor. Encouraging non-AME youths to participate in the religious emblem programs of their faith through P.R.A.Y. Publication and/or other scouting associations.
- ④ Giving notable service in promoting Youth and Young Adult activities (i.e., Church School Conventions, Youth Congresses, Black Heritage Weekends, Self-Denial Week, retreats, etc.) and service and mission projects for the church and being willing to serve on committees for those purposes.
- ④ Actively participating in and promoting AAMES Camporees, Episcopal Camporees, Merit Badge Universities/Fairs/Workshops and/or GSUSA Badge Workshop sponsored by AAMES and/or an AME-Chartered Scouting unit.
- ④ Giving notable service in organizing and maintaining AME-chartered Scouting units including multiple units where needed.
- ④ Arranging opportunities for Scout's Own or Interfaith worship services at camporees and summer camps. Encouraging AME Scouts to organize, participate in and promote Scout Sunday experiences. Encourage AME youth to support *Scout Shabbat* and/or *Scout Jumuah*.
- ④ Length of service and level of involvement will be considered for each criterion.
- ④ Using the *Christian Recorder*, *Journal of Christian Education*, *A.M.E. Review*, *Missionary Magazine*, and other communications media to create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting as a youth ministry.
- ④ Educating clergy and laity about Scouting as a youth as a youth ministry in the AME Church.
- ④ Giving leadership in promoting Scouting for all youths regardless of race or creed. Helping organize Scouting units for inner city and rural youth.
- ④ Giving notable service and leadership in other national/international youth servicing agencies/organizations.
- ④ **FOR YOUTH:** attain the rank of Eagle, Summit, or Quartermaster (BSA); Gold (GSUSA); Patriot (AHG); or earn the WeHeLo Award (Camp Fire). **OR**
- ④ **FOR YOUTH:** provide extraordinary community service, over a substantial period of time, to a particular agency or several agencies/organizations. **OR**
- ④ **FOR YOUTH:** attain academic achievement in a S.T.E.M. related field that garners local, statewide, national, or international acclaim and be a member in good and regular standing in the AME Church. **OR**
- ④ **FOR YOUTH:** organize and lead a youth mission project in an inner-city or rural area of the United States or in a foreign country.



ADULT NOMINATION

RECORD OF NOMINEE:

Using the guide-points below, describe the outstanding service the nominee has given to the spiritual development of AME youths through the Scouting ministry of the church. Include pertinent dates. Use additional sheets of paper as needed.

- 1. Service to or positions held in the spiritual development of AME and other youth in the Scouting ministry.*
- 2. Service to or positions held in the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, or any other youth servicing agency.*
- 3. Service to or positions held in the AME Church (at any or on all levels) if applicable.*
- 4. Service to or positions held in other organizations (i.e. business, civic, religious, educational, and fraternal).*



YOUTH NOMINATION

RECORD OF NOMINEE:

Please select only **ONE** of the criteria listed below as the basis for your nomination. Please give as much detail as possible. Use additional sheets of paper as needed.

- 1. Please provide a description of the youth's Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit, Gold or Patriot project, trek:***
- 2. Please provide a detailed description of each community service project completed (to include dates, agency/organization, and task):***
- 3. Please provide a detailed description of mission project to include the nominee's involvement, particularly the nominee's leadership in the mission project:***
- 4. Please provide a detail description regarding the nominee's academic achievement in a S.T.E.M. related field that has garnered local, statewide, national, or international acclaim:***



NOMINEE INFORMATION

NOMINEE:

Name: _____ Name of spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
Church: _____ Episcopal District: _____
Registered in Scouting as: _____ Council: _____
Occupation and employer: _____
Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

RECOMMENDED BY: (MUST BE AN ADULT)

Name: _____
Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
Date submitted: ____/____/____

SHIP AWARD(S) TO:

Name: _____
Phone: (home, business, pager or cell) (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Up to seven (7) Bishop's Award of Excellence can be awarded in each Episcopal District per year. The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts® is not required to present the full quota of awards each year. Notwithstanding, the quota cannot carry over to the following year. Selectivity is important. *No posthumous or honorary recognitions are to be made.* Deadline for submission is March 1st of each year. **Please mail this entire packet along with the appropriate fees (church, district, component making the nomination is responsible for associated fees) to: the Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts® c/o Department of Christian Education, Post Office Box 331947, Nashville, TN 37203 | Phone: 615.242.1420 | Fax: 615.726.1866 | website: www.ameced.com**



ATTESTATION PAGE

Bishop's Signature: (if nominee is a Connectional, Episcopal or Conference Component Head/Officer or a member of the community at large):

I, _____, the nominee's Bishop, state that I know of no reason why the nominee should not receive the Bishop's Award of Excellence.

Date: ___/___/___ Signed: _____
Bishop's Signature Email Address

Presiding Elder's Signature: (if nominee is a Pastor/Component Head/Officer on the Presiding Elder's District):

I, _____, the nominee's Presiding Elder, state that I know of no reason why the nominee should not receive the Bishop's Award of Excellence.

Date: ___/___/___ Signed: _____
Presiding Elder's Signature Email Address

Pastor's Signature: (if nominee is a member (laity) of a local AME Church):

I, _____, the nominee's pastor, state that I know of no reason why the nominee should not receive the Bishop's Award of Excellence.

Date: ___/___/___ Signed: _____
Pastor's Signature Email Address

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Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts® Approval:

We hereby certify that after careful review of the nominee's record of service and recommendation(s), the above-named nominee is hereby approved for the reception of the Bishop's Award of Excellence.

Date: ___/___/___ Signed: _____
Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts® Program Chair

Receipt:

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