

APPLICATION FOR THE

# Marvin M. Lewis Award

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
Elks and Scouting Community Service



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## Instructions

The award is a national recognition approved by the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Boy Scouts of America. It may be presented to any Elk who has made a significant contribution to the youth of his or her

community through Scouting.

The emphasis of this award is on the importance of being selective. There is no quota. No honorary recognitions will be made.

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## Guide for Selection Committee

The following are some award qualifications. An individual who possesses a combination of these would meet the requirements for this recognition. These are offered as a guide only. However, they are indicative of what the Selection Committee should be seeking. This list is not inclusive as there are many other areas that could be considered. The candidate:

A. Has notably served in bringing Scouting to more youth.

B. Has assisted local Elks lodges in forming Scouting units to be operated by local lodges and other fraternal groups.

C. Is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and outstanding in the areas of responsibility, humility, and setting a good example.

D. Has made a significant contribution to Elks and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.

E. Has led in offering Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed, or income level, and has been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in inner-city or other low-income communities.

**NOTE:** Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, should be the criteria for receiving this award.

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## **The Significance of the Marvin M. Lewis Award**

In recognition of Elks' contributions to America's future, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks established the Marvin M. Lewis Award. It recognizes lodge members in good standing who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. The award is named for Marvin M. Lewis, PGER, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years.

The Marvin M. Lewis Award was introduced in 1998. The award, a recognition approved by the Grand Lodge, gives local lodges an opportunity to submit members to be recognized for their service to youth, and also makes the public aware of the important role Elks play in the community.

## **The Application and Selection for the Marvin M. Lewis Award**

Marvin M. Lewis Awards will be presented annually at the Grand Lodge convention only. The Grand Lodge selection committee makes the final determination on all recipients.

Applications may be obtained from the Boy Scouts of America, Relationships Division, S226, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079, or the Grand Lodge.

## **The recommended procedure for selecting a recipient of the Marvin M. Lewis Award is as follows:**

The Grand Lodge invites all local lodges to submit their candidates for the award. Any person, group, or affiliated council may likewise nominate a Scouter/member for the Marvin M. Lewis Award. The nominees may be submitted through their local lodges or directly to the Scout council. In any event, they must have the local lodge recommendation.

The Grand Lodge makes the final selection of the recipients from the candidates submitted. The Grand Lodge forwards the recipient's completed application, containing all of the appropriate signatures, to the Boy Scouts of America, Relationships Division, S226, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

## **Qualification Guidelines**

The nominating committee of the local lodge may develop its own standards for submittal, but should consider such factors as the nominee's record in (see the front page of this Marvin M. Lewis Award application):

- Forming Scouting units, especially those to be operated by local Elks lodges.
- Recruiting Elks members to become Scout leaders and to be involved in units operated by Elks lodges.
- Taking Scouter training and setting a good example for youth.
- Promoting Scouting for all youth, regardless of race, creed, or disabling condition.

Although a nominee's length of service in Scouting may be considered, no specific number of years should be required. A person's record of accomplishment and dedication should weigh more heavily than longevity.

## **Presentation of the Marvin M. Lewis Award**

The presentation shall be made annually at Grand Lodge, with no exceptions.

In addition, after the Grand Lodge presentation a local presentation can be made at an event such as a BSA local council or district function, or a local lodge awards dinner.

**Record of Candidate**

**(Give pertinent facts: dates, offices held, etc. If more space is needed, please add extra sheets.)**

A. IN LOCAL LODGE, STATE, AND/OR GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

B. IN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Established Scouting units operated by Elks organizations.

Other BSA involvement.

C. IN OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (activities in civic, religious, educational, fraternal, and other fields.)

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Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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**Candidate**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Local Elks Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Elks Sponsoring Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Position held in Scouting \_\_\_\_\_ BSA local council \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

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**Verification That Candidate Is  
in Good Standing with the Elks**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by  
Exalted Ruler \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grand Lodge Approval**

The Elks and Scouting Committee certifies that the record of service of the above-named candidate has been reviewed carefully and that this candidate meets the requirements for the Marvin M. Lewis Award.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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The Marvin M. Lewis Award includes:

- One medal and ribbon, boxed
- One framed certificate
- One lapel pin
- One square knot

Return completed application to the following address  
by December 31 prior to Grand Lodge:

Boy Scouts of America  
Relationships Division, S226  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079  
972-580-2191

The presentation will be made at the Grand Lodge convention.