



The Bronze Pelican Award is a local recognition approved by the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. It may be presented to any adult who is working in the Scouting program under Catholic auspices, to Catholics in Scout units not chartered by the Church, and to those who have made significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships. This award may be given to Catholic laymen and women, priests, deacons, brothers, nuns or non-Catholics.

The purpose of this program is to recognize the recipient's outstanding contribution to the development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Recipients of the award must be exemplary adults and those recipients who are Catholic must have the approval of their respective pastors before the award is given. Non-Catholics must have the approval of the Executive Officer (Pastor) of the unit.

Each Unit or Parish is requested to submit the name of a possible candidate annually for the reception of this award. A candidate may be submitted by a Scout Committee in the Parish, by a group of individuals who are active in youth ministry in the Parish, or by the Pastor.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of St. Petersburg will be permitted two (2) awards annually for every 20 Catholic chartered units or fractions thereof. The diocese is not required to present the full quota each year, but cannot carry over any balance to the following year. No Honorary recognitions will be made.

The recipients of the award are to be selected by an active committee of three to five members who are past recipients of the Bronze Pelican award. The diocesan chair and chaplain will appoint a new selection committee annually at least 60 days before the date of the award presentation.

Recommendations should carefully detail how the nominee meets the guidelines for selection. The Bronze Pelican recommendations are evaluated on the basis of the guidelines described.

If a candidate has already been presented with the St. George Emblem he or she may not be nominated for the Bronze Pelican Award in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Observing the use and value of an award presented to adults for outstanding service and the contribution to the development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America, the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Diocese of St. Petersburg recommended the implementation of the Bronze Pelican in September, 1983. The Most Reverend W. Thomas Larkin, Bishop of St. Petersburg approved the Bronze Pelican as a diocesan recognition in October 1983.

Guidelines for the unit, parish, or council selection committee:

The following are some examples or a combination of which might make a unit leader, committee member, clergy, religious, parent, or supporter of the Scouting ministry a possible candidate for this recognition:

1. Promotes all Religious Emblems Awards;
2. Promotes the Religious observance of Scout Sunday;
3. Helps to preserve and develop Catholic chartered units;
4. Recruits Christian men and women to further the ideals of Scouting as a Youth Ministry;
5. Demonstrates leadership and dedication in the Scouting on a Parish, Unit, District, or Council level;
6. Works to maintain excellent cooperation with the parish/diocese, the Council Scout office and its programs;
7. Consistently maintains and interprets to the Council the Catholic attitude and identity towards Scouting;
8. Meets all diocesan guidelines for volunteers working with youth;
9. Actively participates in the Cub Scout Retreats, Older Scout Retreats, Scout Recognition Sunday and other programs of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

NOTES:

1. Work accomplishments and dedication are the major criteria for receiving this award. A minimum of three years of service to youth and Scouting, with two years in our Diocese, is generally expected.
2. Nomination of a candidate is to be kept confidential. The Committee making the recommendation will be notified of the results. If a candidate is not selected for the current year the nomination form will be returned and information may be updated and resubmitted the following year.
3. Recipients of the Bronze Pelican are not authorized to wear the BSA Religious Award Knot. That is reserved for the St. George Award and above.

NOMINATION DEADLINE:

Nominations of a candidate are due on or before **December 15th** of each calendar year. It is suggested the unit, parish or an individual start gathering all required information by October 15 in order to complete the required paperwork, which must accompany your recommendation.

Email the completed nomination, along with letters of recommendation to DOSPScoutingBSA@gmail.com.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BRONZE PELICAN AWARD

NOMINEE: (Please Print)

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parish: _____

Registered Position in Scouting: _____ Council: _____

Unit Type & Number: _____ Chartered by: _____

Years of Service in Scouting: _____

Years of Service in Scouting in the Diocese of St. Petersburg: _____

RECORD OF CANDIDATE: (Attach pertinent facts, dates, offices held)

A. In their Parish

B. In our Diocese

C. In the Boys Scouts of America (National, Region, Council, District and/or Unit)

D. In other Community Organizations (Activities in business, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, and other fields)

E. Attach a minimum of three letters of recommendation

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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THIS NOMINATION IS SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PASTOR APPROVAL:

I, the Pastor of _____ Parish, have reviewed the application of _____ for consideration of the Bronze Pelican Award from the Diocese of St. Petersburg and I approve of this nominee's candidacy.

Pastor's Signature _____

Date _____