

NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE FOR GIRL SCOUTS AND CAMP FIRE

A Standing Committee of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry
(Girl Scouts USA, Camp Fire, Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, etc.)

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR ADULT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON MEDAL

In February 1980, the NCCGS & CF developed the guidelines and sample form contained here. They are not national requirements; rather, they are offered for your consideration in a spirit of service to diocesan committees and leaders. Feel free to reproduce or adapt the material presented here according to your diocesan situation. These suggestions pertain to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal was created by the Department of Education, USCC, in 1980 to recognize the significant contributions of persons serving the spiritual needs of Catholic members in organizations serving girls. It is offered to those dioceses that choose to use it, subject to the approval of the local ordinary. It is intended to recognize notable contributions to this field of youth ministry, although the St. Anne Medal remains the highest national award.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominations and recommendations may be made by anyone, using the official nomination forms obtained from the Diocesan Catholic Committee, Youth Director, or chaplain of the above organizations. Persons who were nominated in a previous year but were not selected may be renominated if still eligible.
- Each diocese should set the number of awards to be given in each year, placing emphasis on selectivity and genuine achievement. The optimum number of awards might be based on a number proportionate to diocesan size, but this does not mean that the entire quota must be awarded each year. No honorary awards should be made.
- A local diocesan selection committee should determine recipients of the awards. It is suggested that the committee be composed of five to seven members, including the Diocesan Youth Director and or Diocesan Chaplain. If possible, the committee should include previous recipients of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal. Selections made by the committee and approved by the Diocesan Youth Director and/or Chaplain will be final. The committee should be appointed and activated at least sixty days before the date of presentation.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal (cont.)

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The kind of person sought as a recipient of a national adult recognition should be one of excellent character and exemplary in every way.

Recipients should be adults currently active with the organizations served (ideally, registered members).

There are no national restrictions regarding recipients. Awards may be given to clergy, religious, non-Catholic, lay men or women.

Catholic recipients should be exemplary Catholics, with the support of their parish community and their respective pastors. Non-Catholic recipients should also be supported by their congregations and clergy.

The nominee:

1. Has given a minimum of three years active service to youth as a adult member
2. Participates in activities which contribute to the spiritual development of Catholic members of national organizations serving girls, e.g. retreat weekends, days of recollection, Girl Scout/Camp Fire Girl Sunday observances, etc.
3. Promotes the religious recognition programs available to Catholic members in the diocese and/or/serves as a counselor.
4. Participates actively in the Adult Spiritual Motivation program.
5. Is responsible for Catholic members fulfilling their responsibility to Mass while camping. .
6. Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within the girls' organization served.
7. Contributes other service to the parish and community.

NOMINATION FORM

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION.

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CHURCH PARISH: _____

(1) YEARS AS AN ADULT MEMBER:

Girl Scouts: _____ Camp Fire: _____

Indicate Others: _____

(2) POSITION NOW IN:

Girl Scouts: _____

Camp Fire: _____

Other: _____

(3) POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD IN GIRL SCOUTS/CAMP FIRE/OTHER:

(4) PLEASE STATE SPECIFICALLY WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS THE CANDIDATE HAS MADE IN THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CATHOLIC MEMBERS IN THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD MERIT THIS AWARD:

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(5) PLEASE RECORD OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE, WITH POSITIONS HELD AND DATES, SPECIFICALLY IN REGARD TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH, DIOCESE, ORGANIZATION SERVED (Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, other: business, civic, religious, educational organizations).

ENDORSEMENTS

I HEREBY AFFIRM THE NOMINATION OF: _____
AS WORTHY OF THIS RECOGNITION.

Print Priest's Name _____ Church Parish _____

X _____

Signature of Pastor or Parish Priest _____ Date _____

The above named candidate is currently registered and active in: _____
of the above organization, and has been registered as an adult member for _____ years.

Signature of Council Representative _____ Date _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: NOMINATION IS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. THE PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS.

Send this form to:
Catholic Committee On Scouting, 118114 Coursey Blvd., P.M.B. 422, Baton Rouge, La 70816

Approval by Committee:

Chairperson

Chaplain

(This form to be used and retained by the Diocese.)

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