



Participant Guidelines

Overview of the Award

Prior to the creation of this award, there was no platform available to publicly demonstrate the versatility of Venturing. The aim of this award is to highlight the nation's most innovative and progressive Venturing crews through a new distinction: the National Noteworthy Crew(s).

This will encourage crews to share their stories about how they lead the adventure in new and exciting ways. To best showcase these impressive Venturing crews, we will label 3-5 crews with this distinction annually and extensively highlight what makes them unique through social media.

Please note that these crews are not selected upon Venturing rank advancement or awards. The intention of this award is to find and spotlight crews who approach Venturing from outside-of-the-box perspectives.

Rewards for Crews & Venturers

If a Venturing crew is selected to be a National Noteworthy Crew, they will receive the following:

- Extensive promotion and recognition on Venturing social media outlets
- An article with *Bryan On Scouting* and the *Venturing Magazine*
- Recognition at the Venturing Reception during the BSA National Annual Meeting
- One (1) National Noteworthy Crew plaque
- One (1) National Noteworthy Crew ribbon for use on crew's official flag

Timeline Rules for Applying

Each year, the submission window for your crew to apply to be a National Noteworthy Crew will be from January 1st to March 31st. When you are applying, make sure to fill out the application with information regarding crew activities for the two (2) previous calendar years.

COVID-19 Extension: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we will be honoring the activities and progress your crew has made for the previous three (3) years. For example, you can submit the application during the 2021 submission window (January 1st, 2021 – March 31st, 2021) with information about your crew from the calendar years of 2018, 2019, & 2020 (January 1st, 2018 – December 31st, 2020).

Each crew can be selected as a National Noteworthy Crew no more than one (1) time over a five (5) year period.

Selection and approval of award recipients will be finalized by April 30th on the year of the submission.

Photos and Visual Media

We encourage you to submit photos and other visual media of your crew, activities, or materials. However, the quality and quantity of your visual supplements will not be considered in the selection process.

Prompted Questions on Application

You are not required, nor encouraged, to answer every question. Only complete questions where you can provide meaningful answers and relevant examples. The selection committee will not consider the quantity of answers during the selection process.

Application responses will be separated into four categories according to the ALPS model – Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service. Below is a complete list of all the questions that will be asked about your crew when you are applying.

Adventure

- Describe any Tier I and Tier II adventure(s) your Crews underwent, what made them unique, and the planning processes involved.
- Describe any Tier III adventure(s) your Crews underwent, what made them unique, and the planning processes involved.

- Describe how you tied your crew's specialty into your adventures, meetings, and growth models.

Leadership

- Describe any cross-unit relationships or activities that your crew hosts or participates in.
- Share any meaningful mentoring opportunities that members of your crew underwent within the past two years.
- Describe your crew's recruitment strategy, and your most successful events.
- Describe any unique features of your crew's governance or crew officer positions, and how you prepare your officers for said positions.

Personal Growth

- Describe any traditions, bonding opportunities, or teamwork activities your crew has or provides to strengthen crew culture.
- Provide some examples of Developments of Self, Others, and/or Faith that members of your crew have undergone.
- Describe any opportunities that your crew provides for crew members to develop specific skills (e.g., vocational skills, professional skills, academic skills).

Service

- Describe your relationship with your chartered organization, and any service your crew has contributed to them.
- Describe any long-term or recurring community service commitments your crew has.
- Describe any unique service projects your crew has either participated in or facilitated.
- Describe any service your crew does for the Scouting program as a whole.

Making Your Submission

Submissions can be made [here](#).