



**CATHOLIC COMMITTEE
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THE
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SCOUT'S YOUTH AWARD
PROGAM

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PHOENIX DIOCESE CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING (PHxDCCS)

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ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH AWARD PROGRAM



St. John Bosco was an Italian priest of the 19th century canonized by Pope Pius X on July 21, 1907. He followed a plan in working among boys that was fundamentally the same as the present Boy Scout program.

The Phoenix Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting approved the establishment of this Award on October 31, 2005. Requirements for this Award follow, along with the application for the Award, which may be reproduced locally.



PURPOSE:

The St. John Bosco Award is a religious recognition awarded by the Phoenix Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting. There are two different awards that may be earned. A Cub Scout, Brownie, or a Junior Girl Scout can earn the first Award. A Boy Scout or Girl Scout can earn the second award. The Award encourages the Scout to discover the relationship between the values learned in Scouting and his or her Religion. This program is particularly intended to allow the "new Scout" an opportunity to immediately start working on a program that will enhance his religious education and to make him or her aware of the tie between Scouting and the Church. It will also serve as a reminder to the Parish that a tie does exist between Scouting and the faith development / youth ministry of the Catholic Church.

ELIGIBILITY:

The St. John Bosco Award is designed for the Cub Scouts, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Catholic Faith; however, if a non-Catholic youth Scout desires to participate in this program, he/she may do so with the written permission of his/her parents or guardian.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of this Award will be done at the discretion of the individual Unit, so long as it is done with the due respect it deserves. Divine Liturgy, such as a Scout Sunday Mass, is preferred. Pack Meetings, Courts of Honor, or Blue and Gold banquets may be substituted, but are not recommended.

HOW WORN:

The Award is a patch with a loop depicting St. John Bosco. A blue and yellow colored patch is for the younger Scouts, and the red and green colored patch is for the older Scouts. It shall be worn as to not interfere with the placement of any National authorized emblems. There is no "knot" to represent this Award.

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ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH AWARD REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION

FOR: Cub Scouts, Webelos, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts



1. Attend nine (9) Sunday or Holy Day Masses or Services in a complete official Scout uniform. The uniform must be worn properly and with due respect, exposed throughout the Mass or Service so that all present will notice the pride of the Scout for the Scouting program and his or her uniform.
2. Understand that the purpose of Scouting is to help make the family program of Cub Scouting, Brownies, or Junior Girl Scouts both fun and meaningful for the whole family. The Scout is asked to focus on nine (9) subjects, a different one before each Mass or Service attended. The list, shown below, is not to be considered a demanding test, but is statements for the parent(s) / guardian(s) to read with the Scout to share in the understanding.

NINE SUBJECTS AND AWARD MEANINGS

(Written for Cub Scouts. Adapt to Brownies and Junior Girls Scouts as appropriate.)

1. Build good character by learning and living the Cub Scout Promise and by participating regularly in Mass.
2. Improve habits and attitudes of good citizenship by learning and living by the Law of the Pack.
3. Show good sportsmanship while playing games and grow in mind and body through individual and team sports.
4. Improve understanding within the family through family Cub Scout outings and to share in family work and play.
5. Improve ability to get along with other boys and respect other people through Den and Pack activities.
6. Achieve personal confidence by attending Den meetings, working on new interests and skills, and by advancing in rank in Cub Scouting.
7. Learn to help others and to do one's best: this is our Cub Scout Motto.
8. Join in with your Den and Pack on new, fun, and exciting things to do.
9. Have fun and grow through Cub and Webelos Scouts to become a Boy Scout.

PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE THE AWARD:

Complete the Phoenix Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting Application Form 206 by recording the dates of Masses or Services attended, the date the requirements were completed, and signatures of the Scout and all others as required. Fill in the Date Recorded in Unit Records, the Anticipated Presentation Date, and the Address of Where to Send Award.

After the form is completed, including all the appropriate signatures, send the Application to the Chaplain of the Phoenix Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at the above address. Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$3.50 (Do not send Cash). Checks are to be made out to "PhxDCCS" for the Award. The Award will be forwarded within 2-3 weeks.

To apply for this Award, fill out information below, get the appropriate signatures, and mail to the PhxDCCS Chaplain at the above address.

SCOUT INFORMATION:

Scout Name: _____ Application Date: ____ / ____ / 20____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____

Unit: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Chartering Organization: _____

RECORD DATES OF THE NINE (9) MASSES OR SERVICES YOU ATTENDED:1st: ____ / ____ / 20____ 4th: ____ / ____ / 20____ 7th: ____ / ____ / 20____2nd: ____ / ____ / 20____ 5th: ____ / ____ / 20____ 8th: ____ / ____ / 20____3rd: ____ / ____ / 20____ 6th: ____ / ____ / 20____ 9th: ____ / ____ / 20____

Date Requirements Completed: ____ / ____ / 20____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

Scout: _____

Chartered Organization Representative: _____

Parent / Guardian, Cubmaster or
Religious Advancement Chairperson: _____

Date Recorded into Unit Records: ____ / ____ / 20____

Anticipated Presentation Date: ____ / ____ / 20____

ADDRESS OF WHERE TO SEND AWARD:**Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____

FOR DIOCESAN USE ONLY:

Approved by: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 20____ Date Award Sent: ____ / ____ / 20____



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ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH AWARD REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION

FOR: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Crews, Explorers



1. Attend twelve (12) Sunday or Holy Day Masses or Services in a complete Class "A" Scout uniform. The uniform must be worn properly and exposed throughout the entire Mass or Service so that all present will notice how proud the Scout is of his uniform and his understanding of the link between aspects of the Scouting Program and his Faith.
2. At each Mass or Service the Scout will concentrate on a different part of the Scout Law in sequence of its customary order. For example, at the first Mass or Service the Scout will concentrate on the first part of the Scout Law – "A Scout is Trustworthy". At the second Mass or Service – "A Scout is Loyal", etc. The Scout will then discuss these subjects with his/her parent(s) / guardian(s). The Scout will use the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's version of the Boy Scout Law, shown below, to assist him/her.
3. Write (in your own words) a one (1) page typed single space or two (2) paged typed double space research paper on the life of St. John Bosco. You may use the library or Internet for your research.

SCOUT LAW AND AWARD MEANING

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY. Character is what a man is. Reputation is what people think about him. A youth of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust that does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all men as children of God.

A SCOUT IS LOYAL. Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all that loyalty is due – his parents, his Church, and his Country.

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL. Christ told us that the good turn we do for others He will consider as done for Him. Our motive, or the reason why we are helpful, is that we see Christ in everybody. If Our Lord was willing to die for everybody, a Scout certainly should be ready to render help. The whole Scouting program gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY. The basis and motive of this point of the Law is Christian charity. We are all children of the same Father, and brothers of Jesus Christ. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS. A Scout should respect the image of God in everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be from the words of Christ Himself: "I have come not to be served but to serve."

A SCOUT IS KIND. This point of the Law refers mostly to animals. They exist for our use. They have life and feeling and God has given them to us as a trust; as such, we must use them well, never abusing or mistreating them.

A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT. Jesus Christ gave us an example of perfect obedience throughout His life. This will be a difficult point of the Law for a Scout to keep because it will mean discipline and giving up his own will at times. He should obey, not because it pleases him, but because the one giving it has the right to do so, is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Disobedience brought death and sin into the world; obedience brought our salvation. Real victory comes from obedience - first to God, then to all He has placed in authority, as long as they deserve our obedience.

A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL. Joy should be one of the marks of a child of God. A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY. Thrift teaches self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, we are able by thrift to help them. A Scout is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

A SCOUT IS BRAVE. He can face danger even if afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others scorn him.

A SCOUT IS CLEAN. He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sports, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

