

Department of Pennsylvania
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Youth Activities / Scout of the Year Program
2026-2027

The VFW Scout of the Year Program is open to Scouts who are registered and active members of a Boy Scout Troop, Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship, and who have earned one of the following awards:

Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venturing Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award

There is no minimum age requirement for applicants, provided all other eligibility requirements have been met. The maximum age for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant turns 18 during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still enrolled in high school at the time of the submission deadline.

Scouts must download and submit a completed VFW Scouting Scholarship application form, along with a resume of high school activities, Scouting record, community service record, and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post no later than March 1.

Note: A Scout may enter through one VFW Post only. Applications may not be submitted directly to the Department. All entries must be submitted through a local VFW Post.

Local VFW Posts shall submit their winning candidate's completed packet, including all required entry materials, to their respective District. The District shall then forward the completed entry to the VFW Department Youth Activities/Scouting Chairperson no later than April 1.

Please ensure that each packet is fully completed, includes all required documentation, and contains all necessary signatures. If District judging is conducted, entries must be forwarded to the District in enough time to allow the Department to receive the winning entry by the April 1 deadline.

If a District or Post assists another District or Post with an application packet, the District or Post being assisted must list their own District and Post information on the official entry form.

The Department Chairperson will review the entries and select the Department winners. The first-place Department winner will then be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters by May 1 for national-level consideration and recognition.

Judging shall be completed at the Post and/or District level before entries are forwarded to the Department Chairperson for Department-level judging. The Department of Pennsylvania will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

For more information, please contact the Pennsylvania VFW Youth Activities/Scouting Chairperson listed below.

Pennsylvania VFW Youth Activities/Scouting Chairperson

Randy J. Rice

Post 3376

201 Snavely Mill Road

Lititz, PA 17543

Email: randy-rice@live.com

Phone: (717) 814-7914