

## Nomination Application For The

# **William H. Spurgeon III Award**

The William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making an outstanding contribution to America's youth through the Learning for Life programs.

### **Background**

The William H. Spurgeon III Award was developed in 1971 in honor of the man who is regarded as the major leader in the development of special-interest Exploring. Spurgeon, a business executive at the Irvine Company in Southern California, personally organized many special-interest posts in the 1960s. He served for many years as a member of the National BSA Council Executive Board and National Exploring Committee. His pioneering efforts led to the present Exploring program. He devoted much of the late 1960s to promote exploring and is particularly remembered as a dynamic speaker for Exploring Impact Plan luncheons across America. Spurgeon passed away in 1970.

### **Purpose**

The award is designed for council use to recognize individuals or organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. The award is also presented regionally and nationally.

### **Awards to Individuals**

The council presents the William H. Spurgeon III Award to adult men and women who have rendered an outstanding contribution to the Exploring program either as an Explorer post adult leader or as a district, division, or council Exploring adult volunteer. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form.

### **Awards to Organizations**

The council presents the William H. Spurgeon III Award to schools, businesses, industries, labor unions, governmental agencies, civic clubs, fraternal groups, and other community organizations that have demonstrated outstanding record of providing significant leadership to the Exploring program. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form.

# Recognition

Recognition is an engraved plaque, (and lapel pin for individuals) which is presented at a local ceremony or the council's Explorer/Venturing Recognition Event in June.

# Requirements

The council's Exploring/Venturing Awards & Scholarship Committee provides the following standards to be used as a guide:

## **Mandatory Requirements:**

1. The candidate must be a registered adult volunteer or sponsoring organization within the council boundaries.
2. They must have contributed outstanding service of exceptional character to Exploring.

## **Desirable Requirements:**

1. Five years of service to youth in an adult leadership position within Exploring.
2. Nominee should have contributed service to youth outside of Exploring.
3. Exceptional record or service, reputation, and standing of nominee in the community.

# Selection Procedure

Selection of local William H. Spurgeon III Award recipients, both organization and individual, are made by the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Exploring/ Venturing Awards & Scholarships Committee. *This application must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup>.* Letters of recommendation (although not required, would strengthen nominee's selection by the committee) should be attached with this application.

**NOTE: Nominees should not be told they are being submitted for consideration.**

**Mail Completed Application and Letters of Recommendation by April 1 to:**

Exploring/Venturing Awards & Scholarship Committee  
Greater St. Louis Area Council, BSA  
4568 West Pine Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63108-2193

Fax (314) 256-3099

# William H. Spurgeon III Award Nomination Form

*Nominations are Due April 1st*

The William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making an outstanding contribution to the Exploring program at the local, state, or national level.

## **Information About the William H. Spurgeon III Award Nominee:**

Name of Nominee (Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

If Organization - Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

His or Her Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Organization that Employs Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Contact Numbers: Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information on Spurgeon Award Nominee's Volunteer Activities/Involvement**

You may use an additional sheet for these descriptions. (You're welcome to include any letters of recommendation that you feel would strengthen your nomination.) If you do, please note below:

I have attached additional information about the nominee with this nomination form.

## **Community and Organization Involvement**

Please list your nominee's involvement with community and organization causes ( **Individuals** : List at *least two* organizations in which he or she volunteers. **Organizations**: List those projects or activities in which they are involved)

*Description of Volunteer Activities or Involvement:*

*Description of the Time Commitment Made by the Nominee (number of years and hours per week or month) :*

*The Greatest Contribution Your Nominee Has Made to These Organizations:*

*In the Space Below (or on an additional sheet of paper) Please Note the Reasons You Have Selected This Nominee As An Outstanding Role Model for Today's Young People:*

I have attached additional information.

*In the Space Below (or on an additional sheet of paper) Please Explain How Your Nominee has shown Excellence in His or Her Profession or Craft:*

I have attached additional information.

**Information About You the Nominator:**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position and Company/Organization Affiliation With the Nominee:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Contact Numbers: Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am not to notify my nominee that I submitted their name for consideration. If my nominee is selected as a William H. Spurgeon III Award recipient, I will ensure his or her attendance to the Exploring /Venturing Recognition Event. I will also encourage members of my organization, friends, and associates of my nominee to attend.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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