

NATIONAL RECOGNITION  
OF LOCAL COUNCIL  
ENDOWMENT SUPPORT



## THE FOUNDERS CIRCLE



The Founders Circle is intended to recognize *deferred* gifts designated for council endowment funds. With deferred giving (also called planned giving) so widely and effectively used by so many donors, the BSA wants to recognize the importance of such major gifts. Donors are recognized for gift commitments of **\$100,000 or more**. Unlike the other endowment recognition awards, a donor may qualify for membership with gifts made through:

- Charitable bequests in a will or codicil
- Charitable trusts, such as unitrusts, annuity trusts, and lead trusts
- BSA Gift Annuities or BSA Pooled Income Fund gifts
- Life insurance/retirement plan designations
- Other deferred gifts approved by the local council

There are four levels of membership within the Founders Circle:

- Bronze      \$100,000 minimum gift commitment
- Silver      \$250,000 minimum gift commitment
- Gold      \$500,000 minimum gift commitment
- Platinum    \$1,000,000 minimum gift commitment

The early founders of the BSA had the vision and commitment to make Scouting the number one youth organization in the world. In that spirit, we honor the modern-day visionaries who qualify for the Founders Circle in *their* commitment to perpetuate the visions and beliefs of those founders.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to find out more about our gift recognition programs or about Scouting's endowment campaign, contact your local council or your regional endowment counsel. You may want to visit our finance and gift planning Web site on the Internet; the address is [www.fsd.org](http://www.fsd.org). Or you may call our toll-free BSA finance hot line: 1-800-BSA-INFO.

The application for our national endowment recognition awards is on the back of this page. Thank you for your interest in and support of our great Scouting movement.

*We only have a short time to live, so it is essential to do things  
that are worthwhile and to do them now.*

*—Lord Robert Baden-Powell*

# The National BSA Endowment Recognition Awards

Encouraging gifts to BSA local council endowment funds is one of Scouting's highest priorities. It is one of the best ways to ensure that your council can continue to offer the outstanding programs it now has and also grow to meet the needs of the youth and communities it serves.

In its gratitude for such support, the BSA nationally offers three distinct recognition awards. These awards are presented by the local council to donors who support Scouting's financial future with gifts to their local council endowment funds. Those national recognitions are:

## THE JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP

James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and he served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of **\$1,000 and up** in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to—and not replace or diminish—the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else—such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary—or in memory of a special individual. If an institution is truly “the lengthened shadow of one man,” it is more than fitting that the BSA honor James E. West's significant contributions to Scouting in such a significant way.



## THE 1910 SOCIETY

Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has grown into something larger and more significant than anyone anticipated. We honor that special date by presenting the 1910 Society award to donors who make gifts of **\$25,000 or more** to their council endowments. These gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, land, five-year pledges, or other property suitable for a council endowment fund or easily converted to cash. Recognition in the 1910 Society honors four very special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting:



- 1) **Ernest Thompson Seton**, nationally known artist and naturalist, author of the first official American Scout handbook and many other books important to Scouting;  
**Seton Level: \$25,000 minimum gift**
- 2) **Daniel Carter Beard**, first chairman of the National Court of Honor, national Scout commissioner, and author of many well-known books and stories for youth;  
**Beard Level: \$100,000 minimum gift**
- 3) **Theodore Roosevelt**, first Chief Scout Citizen, first vice president of the BSA, and U.S. president;  
**Roosevelt Level: \$500,000 minimum gift**
- 4) **Waite Phillips**, one of the BSA's first benefactors, and donor to the BSA of almost 130,000 acres of land in New Mexico which became Philmont Scout Ranch;  
**Phillips Level: \$1,000,000 minimum gift**  
**Phillips Silver Level: \$5,000,000 minimum gift**  
**Phillips Gold Level: \$10,000,000 minimum gift**

**National Recognition Awards Application for Local Council Endowment Gifts**

Please give this form (and attach to your gift, if applicable) directly to your local council.

Name(s) (to appear on certificate): \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a gift that qualifies for membership in (please check one):

**THE JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

A gift of \$1,000 or more in cash or marketable securities to a local council endowment fund\*

**THE 1910 SOCIETY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

A gift of \$25,000 or more, outright or in a pledge payable within five years, to a local council endowment fund

Six Giving Levels:	Ernest Thompson Seton	\$25,000 minimum
	Daniel Carter Beard	\$100,000 minimum
	Theodore Roosevelt	\$500,000 minimum
	Waite Phillips	\$1,000,000 minimum
	Waite Phillips Silver	\$5,000,000 minimum
	Waite Phillips Gold	\$10,000,000 minimum

**THE FOUNDERS CIRCLE**

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Signature

A gift of \$100,000 or more in the form of a deferred gift commitment to a local council endowment fund

Four Giving Levels:	Bronze: \$100,000 minimum	Gold: \$500,000 minimum
	Silver: \$250,000 minimum	Platinum: \$1,000,000 minimum

**QUALIFYING GIFT**      **Value:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is: \_\_\_\_\_ Anonymous \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Pledge (For 1910 Society Only)**

In consideration of membership in the 1910 Society, and of the pledges of others, I hereby agree to give the endowment fund of the \_\_\_\_\_ Council, BSA, located in \_\_\_\_\_, a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to be paid no later than the end of calendar year \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* For the West Fellowship, only one name may be listed on the certificate for the minimum gift. A fellowship in the name of "Mr. and Mrs. . . ." for example, would require a \$2,000 minimum gift.