



## **Chief Scout's Award**

### **FAQ's**

#### **What is the deadline for submitting my paperwork?**

A Scout has up to three months *after* moving on from the Troop Section to complete the Award and submit the required form. In other words, if a 14 year-old registers for Venturer Scouts on September 1, he or she can continue to work on the Chief Scout's Award until December 1 of that year.

If a Scout has nearly completed the Chief Scout's Award requirements, he or she should be allowed and encouraged to attend the ceremony; the Scout can complete the unfinished requirements after the ceremony, on Scout's honour. If a Scout is not particularly close to completing the requirements of the Chief Scout's Award when an awards ceremony is planned, the Scout should still be encouraged to work towards achieving it. The Scout should understand that they will have an opportunity to be recognized at a future ceremony.

#### **Who, ideally, should present the Chief Scout's Award?**

The cloth emblem itself, worn on the uniform, is presented by the Troop Scouter, ideally in front of the Troop or the entire Group at a meaningful occasion, such as at a Group ceremony, on an outing, or at a camp.

The certificate, signed by the Chief Scout, should be presented at a public ceremony. There is no single "ideal" presenter for the Chief Scout's Award certificate. The Troop Scouter is a perfectly acceptable presenter. It is common, however, for a known and respected dignitary to present the Chief Scout's Award certificate, to lend the importance of the title and office to the ceremony. Depending on circumstance, Councils or Areas can work to have the Queen, the Chief Scout, the Patron Scout (the Governor General), the Provincial Lieutenant Governor, the National Commissioner, the Prime Minister, the Provincial Premier, or the Mayor present the Chief Scout's Award certificate.

#### **What is the Area's role in ensuring compliance with the requirements for the Chief Scout's Award? How about the Council?**

As Scouters and fellow Scouts know the Scout who wants to achieve this award the best, it is the Court of Honour and Scouters who will ensure that the Scout has the acquired competence and skills in the areas of leadership, volunteer service and outdoor skills. The Area or the Council will be responsible for ensuring that recipients of the Chief Scout's Award are properly celebrated.



The Troop may decide that a Scout has completed reasonably equivalent projects to the written requirements; these reasonable equivalents (in subject and degree of commitment) should be approved by the Troop. This is in keeping with the overall mission of Scouting, which is the development of young people; **S**ocial, **P**hysical, **I**ntellectual, **C**haracter, **E**motional and **S**piritual (the **SPICES**).

The Group Registrar will update the youth's registration information in myscouts, upon recognition.

### **What is the role of the ceremony?**

A presentation ceremony is held to bring proper recognition to these deserving young people. However, a predetermined date for the ceremony should not drive the completion of the Chief Scout's Award requirements. Holding a spring ceremony should not place undue pressure on Scouts to complete all requirements in time for the ceremony; a spring ceremony is not a Scout's true deadline. This enforces the understanding that Scouting is a yearlong program and for Scouts to complete the Chief Scout's Award over the full calendar of the Scouting year.

### **Wearing of the Chief Scout's Award**

Scouts wear the Chief Scout's Award on their Scout uniforms as well as on their Venturer Scout uniforms. Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts wear both their Chief Scout's Award and their Queen's Venturer Award on their uniforms.

Adult volunteers wear the Adult Recognition Award on their uniform.