

What is the Order of the Silver Key Award?

Created in 2013 by the Greater Toronto Council Youth Network (GTCYN), the Order of the Silver Key is an award for Distinguished Youth Service. It honours those youth who have significantly contributed to the Movement and the spirit of Scouting through their dedication to their Area, Group, and community.

The Order of the Silver Key replaces and revitalizes the Youth Awards for Excellence program in the Greater Toronto Council. Today it remains an award that is specific to the GTC.

Who is eligible for the Order of the Silver Key?

Any member under 26 years of age who is registered in a participant section. Exceptions are situational.

Can a recipient of the Medal of the Maple be awarded the Order of the Silver Key?

Yes, however those youth will have more expected of them. Nomination points should be dates after the Medal of the Maple was awarded.

How many times can a youth receive the Order of the Silver Key?

Once. While this award replaces the Youth Awards for Excellence, it does not allow for multiple presentations.

Who can nominate a member for the Order of the Silver Key?

Any member of Scouts Canada may nominate a youth for the Order of the Silver Key.

What is the adjudication process for the Order of the Silver Key?

A nomination is received by the DCYC Recognition. The nomination is then taken to the next GTCYN meeting for adjudication. All AYC's, DCYC's and the CYC review and make a recommendation for approving or declining the nomination. Once a complete consensus is reached, a letter from the DCYC Recognition is sent to the nominator with either an approval or declination. If consensus is not reached, the CYC and DCYC's will have the final say.

What if a member of the GTCYN is being nominated?

The same adjudication process is followed, but the GTCYN member will be asked to leave the room during that process to keep the integrity of the award.

What happens after a nomination is approved?

A letter from the DCYC Recognition will be sent to the nominator with either an approval or a declination.

Can a declined nomination be re-submitted?

Yes. A youth can be nominated twice during a Scouting year. If the first nomination is declined, the letter from the DCYC Recognition will state why, and give direction for re-submission. If the second nomination is declined, the youth can still be nominated again, but this nomination will not be adjudicated until the following Scouting year.

What form of recognition is given to an Order of the Silver Key recipient?

An Order of the Silver Key recipient will receive an award certificate and an award badge for their uniform.

How is the award worn? How is it oriented?

The Order of the Silver Key award badge is to be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform directly above where a FAST, FLEX or FOCUS flash would be worn.

When and how should the Order of the Silver Key be presented to a recipient?

The recipient will be presented with the certificate and award badge at the annual GTC Youth Recognition Ceremony by senior members of the GTCYN.