Woods Services Award

In memory of Luther W. Lord
May 9, 1918–March 5, 1976

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Woods Services is a private, nonprofit organization in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to service individuals with disabilities. Founded in 1913 as The Woods Schools, an advocacy and service organization for people with exceptional challenges, disabilities, and complex needs, it has two simple goals: to advance the quality of life and the standard of care for individuals with disabilities. Since its founding, Woods Services has been recognized as one of the most respected and comprehensive programs of its kind.

Woods Services has broadened its mission to serve people of all ages and levels of care. Its unique model drives greater achievement for individuals—and best practices for the industry. Today, it is one of five affiliate organizations that comprise Woods, a premier health and human services enterprise dedicated to excellence and innovation in its system of services. Other affiliate programs include Brian's House in Chester County, Pennsylvania; Allies Inc. and Archway Programs in New Jersey; and Tabor Services in southeastern Pennsylvania.

The Woods Services Award was created in 1978 in memory of Luther Wellington Lord, who served as a residential supervisor for more than 23 years at The Woods Schools. During his years of service, he founded and coordinated the BSA program at The Woods Schools. It was under Mr. Lord's supervision that the first Eagle Scout Award for an individual with disabilities was achieved.

Luther Lord was an active member of the National Advisory Committee on Scouting for the Handicapped (the predecessor to the National Disabilities Awareness Committee), and served as the course director for national workshops at Philmont, Schiff Scout Reservation, and numerous regional, area, and local courses.

The Boy Scouts of America presents this prestigious award to one adult each year for his or her exceptional service to Scouts with disabilities.

Instructions and Additional Information

1. This nomination form should be sent to the National Disabilities Awareness Committee, S272, Boy Scouts of America, by December 31 to be considered for the following year's selection. One nomination per council, per year, may be submitted.

2. A nominee shall

    a. Be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and have three or more years of service in any Scouting capacity related to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Venturers with disabilities.

    b. Have done all Scouting activities related to Scouts with disabilities on a strictly voluntary basis.

3. The nomination form must be approved and signed by the nominee's Scout executive.

4. One national award is granted each year.

5. The award will be available for presentation by May 1 of each year. It is to be presented at a suitable national or regional meeting, with consideration given to the recipient's availability.

6. The award, a handsome, engraved plaque, is provided each year by Woods Services. The recipient may wear the Community Organization Award square knot on his or her uniform.

Council Nomination Form for the Woods Services Award



Boy Scouts of America
Woods Services Award
Youth Development, S272
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079



Nomination for year _____

Region _____

Date _____

The _____ Council, No. _____, takes pleasure in submitting this nomination for the Woods Services Award for **exceptional service and leadership by an adult in the field of Scouts with disabilities,** to be presented in memory of Luther W. Lord.

Nominee _____

Address (home) _____
Street

_____
City State Zip

Address (business) _____
Street

_____
City State Zip

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

Other phone _____ Email _____ _____

Person completing nomination for the council _____ Business phone _____

Other phone _____ Email _____ _____

Address _____
Street

_____
City State Zip

Current council position _____

_____ _____
Council name *Scout executive approval*

Local councils must mail this application to the National Disabilities Awareness Committee at the national office before December 31 to be considered for the following year's selection.

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Criteria

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1. **History.** Provide a brief profile of the adult applicant's **service to BSA members with disabilities.** List only Scouting positions held that positively affected youths with disabilities. If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: *1. History of Service to Scouts With Disabilities (continued).*

Current Position		Dates of Service To From	No. of Youths With Disabilities Served
Previous Positions*			

*List previous positions in order, from the most current to the least current.

2. **BSA Recognitions and Awards.** List honors, recognitions, or awards received from the BSA for the nominee's **service to BSA members with disabilities.** If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: *2. BSA Recognitions and Awards (continued).*

Level (Unit, district, council)	Name of Recognition or Award	Year

3. **Non-Scouting Recognitions.** List any honors, recognitions, or awards received from other local, state, or national organizations for the adult nominee's **service to people with disabilities.** If an additional sheet is needed, label it as follows: *3. Non-Scouting Recognitions and Awards (continued).*

Level (Local, state, national)	Organization	Name of Recognition or Award	Year

4. **Contributions.** Provide a more detailed explanation of the **most outstanding contributions to BSA members who have disabilities,** and any other data that would have bearing on the adult nominee's qualifications for the Woods Services Award.

Please do not send elaborate presentation pieces with attachments.
Judging is based only on the nomination form and one or two additional information sheets.

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