Adult Scouter NOVA Award

Purpose: To recognize achievement by an Adult Scouter in promoting and encouraging youth in Scouting in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics **(STEM)**.

Basic Requirements:

- Registered adult volunteer
- Must be approved as a "mentor" by the Council NOVA (or Advancement) Committee.
- Recommendation for award must be by the Council NOVA (or Advancement) Committee.

Adult NOVA Award Requirements:

- Promote the NOVA program at the District and Council level by serving as a member of the local NOVA Committee or Advancement Committee for a period of at least two years.
- Recruit at least three adult leaders to serve as NOVA Mentors who assist at least one youth each to complete the requirements for a NOVA Award.
- Serve as a NOVA Mentor for at least ten Cub Scouts and/or Boy Scouts who earn **NOVA** awards.
- Organize, plan and implement a **NOVA** or other **STEM** related program at a Cub Scout Day Camp, a Boy Scout Summer Camp, Council level Camporee, Merit Badge University, or a comparable Venturing event.
- The Council NOVA or Advancement Committee must submit an application with required documentation to the National NOVA Committee verifying all of the above for final approval.

Adult Scouter NOVA Award Recognition Materials: Certificate, bronze medal on neck ribbon and Square Knot.

*Note: At some point, additional gold and silver levels of adult awards may be developed and awarded for those adults who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to the Scouting **STEM** initiatives on a regional or national basis.*

Adult Scouter SUPERNOVA Award

Purpose: To recognize superior achievement by an Adult Scouter in promoting and encouraging youth in Scouting in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics **(STEM)**.

Basic Requirements:

- Registered adult volunteer
- Must be approved as a "mentor" by the Council NOVA (or Advancement) Committee.
- Recommendation for award must be by the Council NOVA (or Advancement) Committee.

Dr. Paul A. Siple Adult SUPERNOVA Award Requirements:
Dr. Paul A. Siple was an Eagle Scout and Silver Buffalo recipient who accompanied Admiral Robert Byrd on the South Pole Expeditions of 1928 and 1933. He later became a famous Antarctic explorer, scientist and author and coined the term "wind chill" factor.

- Promote the NOVA and SUPERNOVA programs at the District and Council level by serving as a member of the local NOVA Committee or Advancement Committee for a period of at least two years.
- Recruit at least three adult leaders to serve as SUPERNOVA Mentors who assist at least one youth each to complete the requirements for a SUPERNOVA Award.
- Serve as a SUPERNOVA Mentor for at least ten Cub Scouts who earn either Alvarez or Townes awards, OR at least five Boy Scouts who earn at least three Harris Awards, one Edison Award, and one Einstein Award, OR at least five Venturers who earn Ride awards. (Note: If a Mentor serves across program lines, the Council NOVA committee may determine an appropriate mix of awards to qualify for recognition as long as no less than five (5) awards are counted.)
- Organize, plan and implement a **SUPERNOVA** related program at a Cub Scout Day Camp, a Boy Scout Summer Camp, Council level Camporee, Merit Badge University, or a comparable Venturing event.
- The Council NOVA or Advancement Committee must submit an application with required documentation to the National NOVA Committee verifying all of the above for final approval.

Adult Scouter SUPERNOVA Award Recognition Materials: Certificate, bronze medal on neck ribbon and Square Knot.

*Note: At some point, additional gold and silver levels of adult awards may be developed and awarded for those adults who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to the Scouting **STEM** initiatives on a regional or national basis.*

Unit, District and Council NOVA and SUPERNOVA Awards

Purpose: To recognize achievement by Units, Districts and Councils in promoting and encouraging youth in Scouting in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics **(STEM)**.

Basic Requirements:

- Registered unit, district or council
- Appropriate level Math or Science related programs are defined as follows:
  - Unit: **STEM** themed pack meeting, merit badge program or campout.
  - District: **STEM** themed day camp, camporee or merit badge university
  - Council: **STEM** themed summer camp event, exporee, Scout show, or merit badge university
- Application for award must be submitted by the Unit or District and must be approved by the Council NOVA or Advancement Committee, or in the case of the Council Award, must be approved by the National NOVA Award Committee.

Note: These awards are "progressive" in that the unit, district or council earns first the NOVA Award and then the Bronze, then Gold and then Silver SUPERNOVA awards by continued participation and increased results over a period of successive years.

Basic NOVA Award:

- Promote the NOVA and SUPERNOVA program by forming a Unit, District or Council Level NOVA Committee with at least 3 members and function for a period of at least two years.
- *Alternate to above requirement: Incorporate the NOVA program into the existing Unit, District or Council Advancement Committee with a NOVA Vice Chairman position.*
- Recruit, register and certify at least ten adult leaders to serve as NOVA Mentors who assist at least one youth each to complete the requirements for a NOVA Award.
- Cub Scout Pack: Recognize Cub Scouts who earn at twenty five (25) NOVA awards.
- Boy Scout Troop: Recognize Boy Scouts who earn at least twelve (12) NOVA Awards.
- Venturing Crew: Recognize Venturers who earn at least twelve (12) NOVA awards.
- District: Recognize at least three units who meet the above Unit requirements.
- Council: Recognize at least three districts who meet the above District requirements.
- Conduct an appropriate level **NOVA** or **STEM** related program annually for at least two years.
- Submit an application with required documentation to the next level NOVA Award Committee (or Advancement Committee) verifying all of above for approval.

Bronze SUPERNOVA Award:

- Promote the NOVA and SUPERNOVA program by forming a Unit, District or Council Level NOVA Committee with at least 3 members and function for a period of at least two years.
- *Alternate to above requirement for Bronze Award only: Incorporate the NOVA program into the existing Unit, District or Council Advancement Committee with a NOVA Vice Chairman position.*

- Recruit, register and certify at least six adult leaders to serve as SUPERNOVA Mentors who assist at least one youth each to complete the requirements for a SUPERNOVA Award.
- Cub Scout Pack: Recognize Cub Scouts who earn at least six Alvarez and/or Townes awards.
- Boy Scout Troop: Recognize Boy Scouts who earn at least six Harris Awards.
- Venturing Crew: Recognize Venturers who earn at least six Ride awards.
- District: Recognize at least three units who meet the above Unit requirements.
- Council: Recognize at least three districts who meet the above District requirements.
- Conduct an appropriate level **STEM** related program annually for at least two years.
- Submit an application with required documentation to the next level NOVA Award Committee (or Advancement Committee) verifying all of above for approval.

Gold SUPERNOVA Award:

- Promote the NOVA program by forming a Unit, District or Council Level NOVA Committee with at least 3 members and function for a period of at least three years.
- Recruit, register and certify at least twelve adult leaders to serve as SUPERNOVA Mentors who assist at least one youth each to complete the requirements for a SUPERNOVA Award.
- Cub Scout Pack: Recognize Cub Scouts who earn at least twelve Alvarez and/or Townes awards.
- Boy Scout Troop: Recognize Boy Scouts who earn at least eight Harris Awards and four Edison Awards.
- Venturing Crew: Recognize Venturers who earn at least twelve Ride awards.
- District: Recognize at least three units who meet the above Unit requirements.
- Council: Recognize at least three districts who meet the above District requirements.
- Conduct an appropriate level **STEM** related program annually for at least three years.
- Submit an application with required documentation to the next level NOVA Award Committee verifying all of above for approval.

Silver SUPERNOVA Award:

- Promote the NOVA program by forming a Unit, District or Council Level NOVA Committee with at least 3 members and function for a period of at least five years.
- Recruit, register and certify at least twenty four adult leaders to serve as SUPERNOVA Mentors who assist at least one youth each to complete the requirements for a SUPERNOVA Award.
- Cub Scout Pack: Recognize Cub Scouts who earn at least twenty Alvarez and/or Townes awards.
- Boy Scout Troop: Recognize Boy Scouts who earn at least sixteen Harris Awards, eight Edison Awards, and two Einstein Awards.
- Venturing Crew: Recognize Venturers who earn at least twenty Ride awards.
- District: Recognize at least three units who meet the above Unit requirements.
- Council: Recognize at least three districts who meet the above District requirements.
- Conduct an appropriate level **STEM** related program annually for at least five years.
- Submit an application with required documentation to the next level NOVA Award Committee verifying all of above for approval.

Unit, District and Council NOVA and SUPERNOVA Award Recognition Materials:

- Basic NOVA Award: Certificate plus Flag Streamer for unit only.
- Bronze SUPERNOVA Award: Certificate plus Flag Streamer for unit only.
- Gold SUPERNOVA Award: Plaque plus Flag Streamer for unit only.
- Silver SUPERNOVA Award: Trophy plus Flag Streamer for unit only.

The unit awards will have designs specific to the unit program – Boy Scout, Venturing, or Webelos/Cub Scout. The District and Council awards will have designs symbolic of all Scouting programs.