



**EVERYTHING YOU
WANTED TO KNOW
ABOUT THE NATIONAL
EAGLE SCOUT
ASSOCIATION BUT
WERE AFRAID TO ASK**



AGENDA

- HISTORY
- STRUCTURE
- STATISTICS
- VALUE PROPOSITION
- BENEFITS
- QUESTION AND ANSWER



BEFORE NESAS

Knights of Dunamis (KD)

- ❑ Founded as an independent organization in San Francisco on April 19, 1925 by Scout Executive Raymond O. Hanson
- ❑ The KD had their own rank of Knights Eagle Award
- ❑ BSA felt the KD took the most important leadership out of the local units.
- ❑ In 1972, the KD was merged into the BSA.
- ❑ The **National Eagle Scout Association** (NESA) succeeded the KD and became an official fraternal organization within the BSA.





NESA HISTORY

1972-PRESENT

- Presidents
 - Don Flanders (1972-1974)
 - Thomas Gilbane (1974-1976)
 - Max Norris (1976-1981)
 - Richard Kiefer (1981-1985)
 - Clark Fetridge (1985-1988)
 - John Jadel (1988-1990)
 - Wayne Bingham (1991-2006)
 - Bob Gates (1997-2006)
 - Steve Fossett (2007-2007)
 - Glenn Adams (2008-2016)
 - Frank Tsuru (2016-2024)



NESA NATIONAL COMMITTEE

President
Rich Pfaltzgraff

Vice President
Training
Ross Arnold

Vice President
Awards &
Recognitions
Joe Weingarten

Vice President
Communications
& Marketing
Trevor Bormann

Vice President
Special & Nat'l
Events
Todd Plotner

Vice President
Membership
**Michael
Thompson**

Vice President
Finance &
Scholarships
David Ehrlich

Vice President
DESA/NOESA
Glenn Adams

NESA Immediate
Past President
Frank D. Tsuru

Executive Officer
Dan Coberly

Director
Joe Azzarello

Fund Raising
Assistant
Kaleigh Watknis

Digital Campaign
Kendra Tidwell

Program Manager
Matthew Wallace



THE POWER OF EAGLES

Total Eagles

- 2,752,041 (as of 12/31/202)

Eagles earned in 2023

- 29,269

Female Eagle earned in 2023

- 6,069

Councils with NESAC Committees

- 160



VALUE PROPOSITION SURVEY

As a NESAs member, which is the MOST important initiative to you?

- ☐ To protect the mission, values, and time-honored traditions of Scouting for future generations

As a NESAs member, what do you feel is the MOST important for Scouts to do after achieving Eagle Scout?

- ☐ Continue to give back through service to their communities

What is the most important benefit that NESAs provides you?

- ☐ The opportunity to help preserve the mission and values of Scouting



HOW NESA GIVES BACK



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Awarded \$12+ Million in Scholarship to over 3,200 Eagles
- 2023 Scholarships
 - \$516,000 total
 - 69 recipients
- Scholarships are awarded to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service, and who demonstrate they understand the fundamentals of service to community, service to Scouting and their character. They should also demonstrate that, if they have a financial need, what distinguishes their financial need from others.
- Window to apply is open annually from December 1st to January 31st



LOCAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES & EVENTS

- Networking
 - Lunches/Dinners
 - Career Navigation
 - Leadership Development
- Awards and Recognition
 - NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)
 - Leadership Recognition
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Service Projects
 - Philanthropy



<https://nesa.org/>

MEMBERSHIP

- 5-Year Membership = \$150
- Lifetime Membership = \$500
- NOAC Promotion
 - \$25 off a 5-Year Membership using promo code: NOAC25
 - \$50 off a Lifetime Membership using promo code: NOAC50

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

GLENN AND MELINDA ADAMS NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD



- Recognizes valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout candidate to a religious institution, school, community or other entity through completion of an Eagle Scout project.
- National winner receives \$3,500
- Territory winners receives \$300

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Distinguished Eagle Scout Award -
The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) was established in 1969 by the National Eagle Scout Association to recognize Eagle Scouts who achieve extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or eminence within their professional service to the nation and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



The National Eagle Scout Association established the **NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)** to commemorate the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary in 2010. Since its inception, the award has become an important recognition among Eagle Scouts, recognizing their distinction, with less stringent* requirements required for the prestigious [Distinguished Eagle Scout Award \(DESA\)](#).

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



The purpose of the **NESA Distinguished Service Award** is to recognize those who have given a lifetime of extraordinary leadership and service nationally to NESA, resulting in a significant impact on a national or territorial level. It is awarded for dedicated service over a sustained period of years to NESA, promotion of Eagle Scouting, staying active or returning to Scouting, and promoting/helping young people earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Awards are limited in number and are normally presented during BSA's Annual National Meeting .

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



NESA Silver Wreath Award - In the mid-1970s, the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) committee established the NESA Silver Wreath Award for service to NESA. Local Councils with active NESA Committees may recognize individual leadership and/or service by committee members via the Silver Wreath Award. Recipients must be a member in good standing of NESA for at least two years. Each Council NESA Committee may nominate two awards per calendar year.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

NESA Legacy Society - The National Eagle Scout Association established the NESA Legacy Society in 2013 as a way for individuals to make a direct contribution to the national NESA endowment fund to support [Eagle Scout scholarships](#), NESA committee service grants, career networking, and encouragement for all Scouts who wear the Eagle Scout badge.



Fellowship in the NESA Legacy Society is open to any currently registered youth or adult Scouter who has first been recognized as a James E. West Fellow, whether or not they are Eagle Scouts or members of NESA.

All contributions should be in addition to regular support of an individual's local Council fundraising programs.

QUESTIONS???



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- Speaker(s)
 - Phone Number
 - Email Address