

Arrowman Service Award FAQ

Q: What is the Arrowman Service Award?

A: The Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is designed to recognize members who recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council and participate in the Order's 100th anniversary celebration.

Q: Who can earn the ASA?

A: Youth and adult Arrowmen who are registered and in good standing with the BSA, their local council and the council's respective OA lodge can earn the award.

Q: What is the time period available to complete the ASA requirements and earn the award?

A: Requirements must be completed and approved between July 16th, 2014 and December 31st, 2015.

Q: Is it true you must be a Brotherhood member to earn the ASA?

A: Within the 'personal growth' category, all members are required to be or attain Brotherhood membership in order to earn the ASA. Arrowmen who were inducted as an Ordeal member after January 1st, 2015 are exempt from this requirement and need to complete only one requirements in the 'personal growth' category.

Q: What is considered a BSA youth leadership training course?

A: Suggested courses include National Youth Leadership Training, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, National Leadership Seminar, Powder Horn, Kodiak Challenge; Youth Arrowmen over 18 years of age should complete an Adult BSA training course.

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and a full list of BSA youth leadership training courses may be found online. Youth are encouraged to discuss with their respective lodge advisers the training that they plan to use in fulfillment of this requirement.

Q: What is considered an adult training course related to your BSA (including OA) volunteer position? Suggested adult training courses include Wood Badge, IOLS, University of Scouting, National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar, OA Advisers' Training at Philmont; Youth Protection training does not qualify, as it is required to be conducted annually.

For a full list of non-Youth Protection, position-specific courses, please visit www.scouting.org/training. Adults are encouraged to discuss with their respective lodge advisers the training that they plan to use in fulfillment of this requirement.

Q: What qualifies as contributing 25 hours of BSA organized service?

A: Any service project that is sponsored or planned by some level of the BSA (i.e. the local unit, district, OA chapter, OA lodge) qualifies. The service should benefit community organizations, the local council, a council camp, or publicly owned lands.

Q: Who signs off on the Arrowman Service Award?

A: Lodges will be supplied with an online template for a “ready to print” requirement card to be signed off by the lodge adviser upon fulfillment of requirements. Lodges can monitor lodge-wide completion on an Excel spreadsheet.

Arrowmen who are uncertain if they have qualified for a requirement should contact their lodge adviser, who has final responsibility for verification of on award completion.

Q: How many ASAs may be given or will be given?

A: There is no limit to the number of ASAs given per lodge, as long as the lodge’s adviser and staff adviser/Scout Executive approves each candidate’s completed requirements. Arrowmen may obtain one patch per sash owned during the award window.

Q: How much does an ASA patch cost?

A: Each patch costs \$2.50. Lodges place orders through the local lodge adviser and staff adviser/Scout Executive via a form on the national OA website.

Q: Where can the ASA patch be worn?

A: The award can be worn only on the OA sash, sewn with its lower edge one-half inch above the upper Brotherhood bar.

Q: Can I wear the ASA patch on my centennial red sash that 2015 National Order of the Arrow conference participants and staff will receive to commemorate the 100th anniversary?

A: No, the ASA patch is only for wear on the traditional OA sash.

Q: If I earned the 50th and/or 60th Anniversary Award(s), can I also wear the ASA patch on the same sash?

A: Yes, in those rare cases in which an Arrowman has earned the 50th/60th Anniversary Award(s) and the Arrowman Service Award, the applicable patches may be sewn onto the same sash.

Q: What if I become an adult in the middle of completing the Arrowman Service Award requirements? Do I file under the youth requirements or the adult requirements?

A: In the case that an Arrowman is a youth (under the age of 21) on July 16th, 2014 and becomes an adult (21 or older) prior to December 31st, 2015 that Arrowman may choose to apply any youth requirements he completed to the total number of adult requirements he would need in each category after he ages out.

For example, Johnny Arrowman is 20 years old and is working towards the youth requirements of the Arrowman Service Award. He then celebrates his birthday on January 16th, 2015 and turns 21. While working towards the youth requirements, he completed two requirements in personal growth, zero requirements in Scout service and one requirement in 100th anniversary events. Johnny would then only need to complete two adult Scout service requirements and one 100th anniversary events requirement. Johnny must still complete the mandatory requirement in each remaining category, just as he would have as a youth.

Q: How do I contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100?

A: On one of the major social media networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), simply post a photo from a centennial event, whether it be your lodge's sponsored 100th anniversary event, your section's 100th anniversary conclave or the 2015 National Order of the Arrow conference, and tag it with #OA100. This is the generic tag that will allow Arrowmen from around the country to see the unique and innovative ways others are celebrating the centennial.

Q: What if I have a question on the Arrowman Service Award that is not listed here?

A: If you have a question about the general recognition program, you may contact oa100@oa-bsa.org for any other questions or concerns on the award. Remember, questions regarding your individual eligibility for specific requirements should be directed to your lodge adviser.