

National Honor Patrol Award Requirements



NATIONAL HONOR PATROL AWARD

The National Honor Patrol Award is given to patrols whose members make an extra effort to have the best patrol possible. Your patrol can earn the award by doing the following over a period of three months:

- ✦ **Have a patrol name, flag, and yell.** Put your patrol design on equipment and use your patrol yell. Keep patrol records up to date.
- ✦ **Hold two patrol meetings every month.**
- ✦ **Take part in at least one hike, outdoor activity, or other scouting event.**
- ✦ **Complete two good turns or service projects approved by the patrol leaders' council.**
- ✦ **Help two patrol members advance one rank.**
- ✦ **Wear the full uniform correctly** (at least 75 percent of the patrol's membership).
- ✦ **Have a representative attend at least three patrol leaders' council meetings.**
- ✦ **Have eight members in the patrol or increase patrol memberships over the previous three months.**

The National Honor Patrol Award is an embroidered star worn beneath the patrol medallion, and will spotlight a patrol as a high-standard group. Help your patrol become a National Honor Patrol.

The Scoutmaster determines if a patrol qualifies for the National Honor Patrol Award. The patch is an embroidered gold star (BSA No. 00367) worn around the patrol emblem and purchased at Scout shops or council service centers. There is no application form.

Ceremony is for presenting the *National Honor Patrol Award*

This Ceremony is meant for Boy Scouts.
Decide for yourself if it is appropriate for your younger scouts or not.

Required: eight candles
one large candle
award stars in envelope
safety pin

Script: This ceremony is for presenting the *National Honor Patrol Award* to a patrol.

- Make sure the patrol brings their patrol flag to the ceremony.
- Line up the 8 candles on the head table with the 9th large candle off to the side.
- Turn off all the lights in the hall.
- Senior Patrol Leader lights the one large candle.

Scoutmaster: 'I would like the _____ patrol leader and assistant to please come forward with their patrol flag.'
(SM indicates where he wants the PL and APL to stand. APL should hold the patrol flag.)

SPL: 'The National Honor Patrol Award is a PATROL, not Scout, honor. To earn the Star, this Patrol has: ...'

- Demonstrated Patrol Spirit
- Held patrol meetings
- Participated in the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Worked as a Patrol

SPL: 'We have the honor of presenting this award to the _____ Patrol, of Troop _____. Please bring your patrol flag forward.'

(SPL hands candle to SM and receives envelope from him. APL presents patrol flag and SPL pins envelope to it. APL returns to PL. SM gives candle back to SPL.)

SPL: 'The Honor Patrol Award is a Group, not individual, award. Additional requirements the _____ patrol fulfilled to earn the award were:...'

- Wear their uniforms correctly
- Assist each other in their advancement
- Hold patrol events
- Recruit a new patrol member

SM: 'Just as this group of candles lights this room that one candle could not, a patrol working together can do more than its individuals. Congratulations on earning this award.'

SPL: Troop _____, please stand. Join me in congratulating the _____ patrol on their accomplishment!'

(Troop applauds while SPL and SM shake hands with PL and APL who then return to their seats.)