

THE PAISANO AWARD

For outstanding service to the Scouting movement by furthering international brotherhood among Scouts and Scouters of the United States of America, the Republic of Mexico, or other foreign countries.

The Paisano Award may be awarded by the Rio Grande Council, or other local Councils with the approval of the Rio Grande Council, to both volunteers and professionals for outstanding service to the World Brotherhood of Scouting through participation in international Scouting.

First authorized for local and Mexican Scouters, it has become a recognized award by the National Council, B.S.A., and World Scouting under the guidance of R.W. Liston, Council President at its inception. Initiated by David Blevins and Archie Martin, M.D., in 1964, many Scouters of the Boy Scouts of America and foreign Scout associations have received this honor.

The Roadrunner of the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico was chosen as the emblem to represent this award for in Mexico, the word for roadrunner, "paisano," also means "friend."

The Paisano Knot is worn over the left shirt pocket with the blue knot to the wearer's right. Nathan Bossom suggested the use of the fisherman's knot to symbolize the joining of two countries.

The Paisano Award, worn around the neck hung from a purple ribbon, representing the international Scouting colors, is sculptured and cast in German silver by a well-known Mexican Scouter in Saltillo, Mexico.

The Paisano Award is given to Scouters who have had active involvement in the promotion of Scouting on an international level.

This nomination must be sent to the Rio Grande Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 2424, Harlingen, Texas Harlingen, Texas 78551-2424, ATTN: Scout Executive, no later than 30 days before the award is to be presented.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure to give the full name of the nominee *exactly as you want the name to appear on the certificate*. Please do not use abbreviations, initials only, or nicknames.
2. Furnish as much information as possible.
3. The Paisano Award may be presented to professional or volunteer Scouters over 21. The nominee must be currently registered with The Boy Scouts of America to be eligible for the Award.
4. Nominations are not considered for posthumous awards.
5. The certificate, ribbon insignia, and knot are ordered from the Rio Grande Council.
6. \$_____ must accompany the nomination. This fee covers the cost of the Award. It will be returned if the nomination is not approved.

NOMINATION

On behalf of the _____ Council, we take pleasure in submitting this nomination for The Paisano Award for international Scouting. (Give full name and titles of the Scouter to be honored exactly as you will want the certificate lettered if the award is granted. See instructions on reverse side.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

The nominee is registered in Scouting as _____ and holds a membership certificate expiring _____, 20____. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: _____).

If the award is granted, we plan to present it on _____, 20____. This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.

RECORD ON WHICH THIS NOMINATION IS BASED

Give pertinent facts, dates, and offices held. If more space is needed, please add extra sheets.

a. Record of service to the Boy Scouts of America. Name chartered organizations in cases where service is unit-connected.

b. Statement covering the nominee's Scouting activities in support of international Scouting. Include dates of international events attended such as international camporees, Jamborees, and World Jamborees.

Chairman, Council
Nominating Committee

Date: _____, 20__

Scout Executive

Date: _____, 20__