17 April 2018

7th Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts (2018)

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Asia-Pacific Support Centre!

The Asia-Pacific Support Centre of the World Organization of the Scout Movement is pleased to announce the open call for nomination for the 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts (2018).

Since its inception in 2001, the Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts has become a regular feature and is among the highlights of every Regional Scout Conference, recognising Scouts who best epitomise good moral character, demonstrated sterling qualities of leadership in the community and outstanding contribution to nation-building thru voluntary services and community-development projects.

The competition calls for the nomination and selection of outstanding Scouts in member-countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, aimed at enhancing the image and visibility of Scouting as an educational movement and to emphasise its impact and effectiveness in the holistic development of the young people.

The announcement of the awards will be made in a special programme during 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference scheduled on 15-20 October 2018 at the Philippine International Convention Centre, Manila, Philippines.

For more details, kindly refer to the attached selection criteria and nomination form. The nomination forms should be received by the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre not later than 15 June 2018, Friday. Candidates who will be shortlisted for the award will be announced by 31 July 2018, Tuesday. Shortlisted candidates are expected to attend the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference in Manila.

Your usual support and co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Regional Director

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World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre
Revised Selection Criteria for the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts

The Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement calls for the selection of Outstanding Scouts in the Asia-Pacific Region from among the candidates duly nominated and endorsed by member National Scout Organisations. The conferment of the award will be made during a special ceremony at the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference that are held once every three years.

1. Objectives

1.1. To enhance the visibility of Scouting and its image as an educational tool;
1.2. To provide role models for other Scouts to emulate;
1.3. To recognise Scouts who best epitomise good moral character, demonstrate sterling qualities of leadership in the community and contribute to nation-building thru voluntary services and community-development projects;
1.4. To highlight Scouting as an international organisation with proven track record as an effective companion of the home, school and community in the proper and holistic upbringing of the young people.

2. Country Selection

2.1. Every NSO in the region must submit ONE nominee who meets the following eligibility:

2.1.1. Candidate must preferably be an above average student or equivalent as indicated in his/her academic performance for the current year.
2.1.2. He/she must at least be 15 and not more than 20 years old at the time of the nomination for the award.
2.1.3. He/she must be able to communicate in English or in his/her local language.
2.1.4. He/she must at least be a First Class Scout or equivalent.
2.1.5. He/she must have demonstrated sterling qualities of leadership based on records of awards received and positions held, and the testimony of his/her teacher/s, unit leader/s and peers.
2.1.6. He/she must have been extensively involved in voluntary services and community development projects or activities which must be supported by records or evidences (certificates, photos, testimonies, news articles and/or clippings, among others)

2.2. If the nominee has been shortlisted for the interview, he/she is made an official youth delegate or an observer of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference and the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum. The NSO must agree to find ways to finance the registration, travel and lodging costs of the candidate.

3. Processing

3.1. All entries must be submitted to the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre on or before the specified deadline. The entries should include the following:

- Nomination form duly signed and endorsed by the NSO, including all related forms
- Documentary attachments as specified in the nomination form

Entries submitted beyond the specified deadline will no longer be accepted. Entries must be submitted to the Secretariat at this address:
3.2. The initial processing of the entries is done by a review panel composed of one member of the APR Programme Sub-Committee and two members of the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee, with the assistance of the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre to ensure that:

3.2.1. The candidate has successfully met all the criteria
3.2.2. Verify the credentials submitted by way of interviews, email, telephone or any other medium warranted and necessary
3.2.3. Shortlist five candidates for the final interview

3.3. The WSB/APSC shall release the official list of candidates who are shortlisted for final interview for general information. It shall also coordinate with the NSO of the candidates who were shortlisted in order to provide all essential details for the final interview.

3.4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit an audio-visual presentation (AVP) about his/her major community development project/s. The AVP will be shown to all conference delegates during the awarding ceremony.

4. Selection and Interview

4.1. The selection at the national and regional levels should be based on the following criteria:

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| 30%        | Scouting / Accomplishments as a Scout
|            | Achievements, scout activities participated/organized, rank, spirit |
| 25%        | Community Involvement
|            | Projects/activities organized/participated, community leadership |
| 10%        | Academic Excellence
|            | Performance and accomplishments in school |
| 35%        | Final Interview
|            | Leadership, personality, communication skills |

4.2. Five finalists will be invited at the time of the Regional Scout Conference for the final selection and interview. They should be able to articulate themselves during the interview and project themselves as role models.

4.3. The selection and final interview will be done by a selection panel of five persons, composed of duly selected members of the Regional Scout Committee, any of the APR Sub-Committees, the World Scout Bureau, or any other person duly accredited and designated.

4.4. A briefer about each finalist will be provided to the members of the selection panel to guide them through the final selection and interview.

4.5. The panellists shall select three regional winners and two runners-up.
5. **Awards**

5.1. The three winners will receive a cash prize amounting to USD 400.00 each, an Outstanding Scout of the Asia-Pacific Region medallion and badge, and a plaque (citation).

5.2. The two runners up will also receive a cash prize of USD 150.00 each, an Outstanding Scout of the Asia-Pacific Region medallion and badge and a plaque giving them the distinction as finalists for the regional award.