

# Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award

The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning.

## Requirements

**1. Leadership:** Implement the Troop OA Representative and Troop OA Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster Designee) programs in your unit.

- Every six months, ensure that the senior patrol leader appoints or reappoints one Scout to serve as Troop OA Representative and the Scoutmaster appoints one Assistant Scoutmaster to serve as Troop OA Representative Adviser.
- Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.

**2. Participation:** Promote lodge events and provide transportation to all Arrowmen wishing to participate.

- At least 50% of unit OA members attend at least one lodge event in addition to their Ordeal.

**3. Elections:** Schedule a unit election with the chapter election team annually.

- Hold an election and have 100% of elected Scouts complete their Ordeal.

**4. Planning:** Maintain an active planning process that prevents overlap between lodge and chapter events with unit events.

- Review the local OA calendar with the Patrol Leader's Council during annual troop program planning and schedule unit events so that 100% of troop programs do not overlap with any full-lodge events.

**5. Conversion:** Demonstrate the depth of your unit's OA program through Brotherhood conversion.

- At least 30% of eligible troop members seal their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.

Note: The OA Troop Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster Designee) is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created in conjunction with this award. Its purpose is to create the role for an adult to guide the youth TR and be a 'voice of the Order' at the adult level in the troop structure. Patches for these positions can be purchased through the BSA Supply Division at your local Scout Shop.

**If your unit qualifies for this award, please contact the Tecumseh Lodge Adviser at [7@tecumseh65.org](mailto:7@tecumseh65.org) so that we can complete the award process.**

In addition to the unit being recognized as an OA Unit of Excellence, your OA Troop Representative, Troop Representative Adviser, and Scoutmaster can earn individual recognition:

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative of Excellence:

- Lead your unit in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award during your tenure as a Troop Representative (six months of service minimum).

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative Adviser of Excellence:

- Advise at least two Troop Representatives towards earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award during your tenure as Troop Representative Adviser.

Order of the Arrow Scoutmaster of Excellence:

- Lead your unit in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award three times during your tenure as Scoutmaster.

Units and unit leaders selected to receive the Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award will be recognized as follows:

- OA Unit of Excellence
  - National: Troop/Team flag ribbon, per annum
  - Local: Lodge and council recognition
- OA Scoutmaster of Excellence
  - National: Certificate
  - Local: Lodge and council recognition
- OA Troop Representative of Excellence
  - National: Unit of Excellence recognition patch
  - Local: Lodge recognition
- OA Troop Representative Adviser of Excellence
  - National: Unit of Excellence recognition patch
  - Local: Lodge recognition
  - Position Patches available

