

BODHI AWARD



Adult Recognition Award

Buddhist Churches of America

National Scouting Committee

(January 22, 2004)

GOALS and PURPOSES

The Bodhi Award is a National Adult Recognition Award administered by the Buddhist Churches of America National Scouting Committee.

The purpose of the Award is to recognize adults who have demonstrated the highest level of dedication, commitment and self-sacrifice to the spiritual development of Buddhist members of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the United States of America and Camp Fire, Inc. It is not intended to honor an individual for personal accomplishments or achievements but rather recognize the individual for the sacrifice of personal interest and pursuits for the benefit of youth.

In recognizing the dedicated service and personal sacrifice of an adult, the award symbolizes the appreciation and gratitude of the Buddhist community for the Dana of the recipient.

REQUIREMENTS (Nominee Qualifications)

The recipient of the Bodhi Award should exhibit exemplary character and conduct.

The award is presented to an adult who has made an outstanding contribution to the Buddhist Boy Scout, Girl Scout or Camp Fire programs.

The award may be presented to ministers, Buddhist/non-Buddhist laypersons, and adult leaders who have contributed to the propagation of Buddhism and/or have performed dedicated service to the Temple/church and to the youth program.

It is recommended that the nominee have at least five or more years of outstanding service.

It is recommended that the candidate be registered with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or Camp Fire although this is not mandatory.

A letter supporting the nominee from the Temple/church Board of Directors President must be submitted.

Approval of the nominee by a District or Council Executive (signature on page 4) is required.

At least one additional letter of support of the nominee from individuals affiliated with the Troop and/or Temple/church should be included.

Self-nomination or nomination by spouse/significant other will not be allowed.

The fee for this award is \$25, which includes lapel pin, certificate of recognition and shipping charges.

GUIDE FOR THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Following are some examples, a combination of which might make a person a possible candidate for this recognition. These suggestions are offered as a guide only. However, they are indicative of some of the things that the Selection Committee will be looking for. This list is not all inclusive as there are many other areas that could be considered.

- ❖ Renders noteworthy service to youth. The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" should consist of the nominee's contribution in rendering outstanding service beyond the expectations of duty.
- ❖ Promotes the Religious Award programs for Buddhist boys and girls. Encourages non Buddhists to participate in the Religious Award programs of their own faith.
- ❖ Gives notable service in promoting Buddhist activities and service projects for the Temple/church and shows willingness to serve on affiliated committees.
- ❖ Participates in activities which contribute to the spiritual development of Buddhist members, e.g. Camporee weekends, Boy Scout, Girl Scout or Camp Fire Sunday observances, etc.
- ❖ Fosters good relationship with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or Camp Fire Council and is capable of interpreting Buddhist programs to Council members.
- ❖ Gives notable service in initiating Boy Scout, Girl Scout or Camp Fire programs under Buddhist sponsorship.
- ❖ Through Buddhist and other communication media, helps ministers and lay persons have a better understanding of the goals and ideals of the Boy Scout, Girl Scout or Camp Fire program.

Please take care in providing **accurate and detailed** descriptions of the nominee's qualifications. All qualifications do not need to be completed to qualify for this award; however, you are encouraged to provide as much relevant information as possible.

Note: The nomination process is confidential to avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise nominee in any way of your action in his/her behalf.

The deadline for your nomination is September 30th of each year. Please send application to the following address. Do not send fee. Fee will be required only if nominee is selected.

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