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GUIDELINES

AFRICA SCOUT AWARD

This is the highest and only award given by the Africa Scout Committee to Scouts from Africa for their exemplary contribution to the cause of Scouting at their local, national and international communities.

RATIONALE FOR THE AWARD

Recognitions for exceptional services and contributions should be a vital part of any dynamic, vibrant and growing organization. Scouting as an educational Youth movement should thus focus on recognising the boys and girls within the ranks and files of its members who are the true “owners” of the Movement. By recognizing Scouts for their contributions and exceptional services we shall send a strong message to everyone, including the Scouting fraternity, that hard work, creativity and exceptional services to Scouting and its cause are not going to be ignored or taken for granted. It is also going to be a way of telling the individual award recipients that what they did make a difference.

By this award, we shall be telling the world that Scouting in Africa is no better than what the individual Scouts are collectively doing and contributing to the society at large.” Putting youth at the centre of the ASA will in turn lead to a mental reawakening on the role of youth in development and position Scouting in Africa as a key contributor to the concept of Youth for Change.

PURPOSE

The ASA is intended to:

- Contribute the development of communities through different initiatives by Scouts
- Contribute to the enhanced intake of the Scout Programme
- Appreciate the role played by Scouts in creating a better world
- Inspire the Scouts to discover their potentials
- Motivate the Scouts to gain a greater self-belief in themselves and acquire useful life skills
- Promote youth involvement and participation at all levels of NSOs
- Encourage the concept of Leadership development and Youth for Change

WHO TO AWARD

This award is specially designed for active Scouts making valuable contribution in their respective local, national or international communities. At the time of applying for the awards, the Scouts have to be aged between 14 to 26 years.

AREAS OF FOCUS

To qualify for nomination for ASA, an applicant must have made outstanding and remarkable contribution in at least one of the following areas of focus for the award:

1. **Innovation:** The world is increasingly in need of innovators who can come up with ideas or methods to address challenges affecting communities. No idea is too small to make a difference. Scouts with innovative solutions to challenges facing their communities could apply for ASA.
2. **Peace:** Scouts are naturally messengers of Peace. Scouts are known to promote dialogue and conflict transformation among different communities thereby promoting co-existence and harmony among different groups. Any transformative actions and initiatives around peace and conflict transformation qualify for consideration under the ASA.
3. **Environment:** Adapting sustainable environmental practices is key in supporting sustainable communities. Life in nature is at the core of Scouting and Scouts should always strive take up initiatives aimed and protecting and preserving the environment. Active engagement in and promotion of global initiatives such as the Earth Tribe and Plastic Tide Turners challenge could qualify one to apply for the ASA.
4. **Community:** In the quest to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, any local actions linked to any of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are highly recommended as a prerequisite for the ASA. Each area of focus should be linked to at least an SDG.
5. **Health:** Healthy individuals are productive individuals who make a massive contribution in development of their communities. Many opportunities are hampered due to diseases and especially among the younger population in Africa. We also have emerging issues around mental health that needs to be addressed. Any initiatives that seek to promote health and well-being could qualify one for ASA.

The granting of the award shall focus on positive impact of the contribution, personal initiative, leadership, community involvement and sustainability.

NATURE OF AWARD

The award will be in form of a badge and an accompanying certificate of merit. Additionally, the awardees will receive an identity card granting them the status of Africa Scout Regional Youth Ambassadors

PREREQUISITES FOR THE AWARD

Before a Scout qualifies for the ASA, he/she should:

- Have been an active Scout for minimum of 2 years before the time of the award.
- Have acquired a minimum of second level highest Scout section Badge where applicable
- Have participated in a community project for a minimum of 6 months or be engaged in a Troop project, which highlights any of the ASA areas of focus.
- Be a registered member of his/her NSO

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION FOR ASA

A Holder of a Presidential recognition due to contribution to National Developmental goals through Scouting will automatically qualify for ASA as long as they are registered members of their NSO.

AWARD CRITERIA

To qualify to be granted ASA, an awardee needs to meet the following criteria:

- Meet all the prerequisites for the award
- Present an application based on any of the ASA areas of focus
- Have their nominations submitted by their respective NSOs
- Each nomination should be accompanied by a nomination support letter from their NSO who shall serve as the nominator providing a brief summary of the achievements of the awardee.
- Awards shall be granted based on individual merit in comparison with all the nominations received after ranking by the Regional Awards Committee
- Consideration for the award shall be based on nominations received within the stipulated period

AWARD PANEL

To ensure conformity to the criteria of ASA, award panels will be established at both the NSO level and Africa Regional Level

National Level

The Award Panel will be a subset of the National Awards and Honours Committee. It will be chaired by the National Programme Commissioner or his/her equivalent. The members will include: two nominees from the Programme Committee, One Nominee from the Awards and Honours Committee, two youth representatives (preferably drawn from the National Youth Forum Committee where it exists. The Committee shall also co-opt an expert in the educational or development field.

Tasks

The national Award panel shall have the following tasks:

- Disseminate the ASA concept widely within the NSO using a no missed opportunity approach
- Distribute ASA application forms widely within the NSO
- Receive ASA application forms
- Develop a tool for short listing based on the award areas of focus
- Hold a sitting to review the application forms and short list deserving applications based on ASA criteria
- Recommend to the National Executive Committee through the National Awards and Honours Committee names of selected applicants for onward nomination. The ratio of those recommended to the total number of Scouts within the age range should not be more than 1:100
- Submit nomination forms of the final nominees to the Africa Regional Office on an annual basis but not later than 31st march of any given year.

Regional Level

The Regional ASA panel shall be a subset of the Awards and Honours Committee. It shall be chaired by Chairman of the Programme Sub Committee. The members shall include one nominee from the Awards and Honours Committee, one nominee from the Programme Sub Committee, Chairman and one other member of Africa Scout Youth Forum, Director Educational Methods ARO (secretary) or his/her appointee and one co-opted member from the field of education or development.

Tasks

- Disseminate the information on ASA widely within Africa NSOs
- Issue call for nominations for ASA
- Receive ASA nominations duly submitted by NSOs
- Develop a tool for short listing based on the ASA areas of focus
- Recommend to Africa Scout Committee through the Awards and Honours Committee, names of successful nominees for the ASA. The ratio of awardees at any given time should not be more than 1: 100 in relation to the number of Scouts within the age range in Africa.
- Make the final decision on who ASA awardees are at any given time on behalf of the Africa Scout Committee.
- Maintain a database of subsequent ASA awardees

AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony will be conducted every conference year. Up to 20 citations will be read during the award ceremony in the conference and awards collected on behalf of the awardees by representatives of their NSOs. All the names of the awardees will be read to the conference for acknowledgement. If the awardees will be present during the conference, then they will be conferred with the awards.

NSOs will organise to confer the ASA to their respective awardees during the Annual Council meeting, Awards Day or at an appropriate function.

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AFRICA SCOUT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name:		
Age:	Rank:	NSO:
Unit:	Email:	Phone:

Previous Scout Badges and Awards

Indicate the Area(s) of Focus under which this Nomination is Made? (*Innovation, Peace, Environment, Community, Health*)

Provide Details of the Nominee's Achievements in the Award Area(s).

How have the Nominee's Initiatives Benefitted their Community?

How have the Nominee's Initiatives Benefitted their National Scout Organisation?

Why are the Nominee's Initiatives Considered Outstanding?

Proposed Citation: (*Please give a brief statement of the accomplishments for which the candidate should receive the award. Maximum 150 words*)

NB: Please fill the boxes with as much useful information as possible according to the guidelines.

Nominated by: *(Name & Signature)*

Name:	
Signature:	Date:
Phone:	Email:

As far as we can ascertain from the Association records the information given above is correct, to the best of our knowledge he/she has given faithful and efficient service in his/her Scouting; and we wish to recommend/not recommend him/her for the Africa Scout Award.

Date:	Signature: <i>(Chair, National Awards Committee)</i>
Date:	Signature: <i>(Chief Commissioner)</i>

Official Stamp:

Africa Regional Office Remarks

Approved/Not Approved:	
Date:	Signature: <i>(Chair, Africa Awards & Honours Committee)</i>



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