

Eswau Huppeday #560
Piedmont Council, B.S.A.

Vigil Honor Nomination Form-2026



Vigil Honor Committee

The Vigil Honor is a recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of **exceptional service**, **personal effort**, and **unselfish interest**, have made **distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities** of their position or office to one *or more* of the following:

- ▲ Eswau Huppeday #560
- ▲ Order of the Arrow
- ▲ Schiele Scout Reservation
- ▲ Scouting of America

An Arrowman nominated for the Vigil Honor must exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Additionally, the Vigil Honor is bestowed not only for what the Arrowman has done in the past, but also for what he/she is *expected to do in the future*.

Tenure in Scouting and/or the Order of the Arrow should **never** be the primary reason for a Vigil Honor nomination. Moreover, holding a lodge office and/or membership on the lodge executive committee is **not** mandatory for selection to the Vigil Honor.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction within the Order of the Arrow; therefore, attention should be given to how the nominee has given service to the Order of the Arrow, *or* how his/her service has complemented the mission and purpose of the Order of the Arrow.

Eligibility Requirements

The Vigil Honor selection committee convenes in early January to select Eswau Huppeday #560's recipients for the Vigil Honor. At that time, the nominee **must**:

1. be a member of Piedmont Council, with all registration requirements fulfilled;
2. be a member of Eswau Huppeday #560, with **current lodge dues paid**; *and*
3. have completed Brotherhood at least two (2) full years prior to the date of selection.

The selection committee will **not** consider nominations that fail to satisfy the above National criteria. The nominator is **responsible** to ensure that the nominee meets these criteria — please check with lodge registration (Abbie Teeple) if you are unsure of your nominee's status.

Who Can Nominate

Any person may nominate an eligible Arrowman for selection to the Vigil Honor. The nominator does **not** have to be a Vigil Honor member, an Arrowman, or even registered with the Scouting of America. The Vigil Honor is not earned nor campaigned for; it is bestowed for **selfless leadership** in **cheerful service** to others.

Instructions

Please complete this nomination form to enable the selection committee to make a fair assessment of your nominee's worthiness for the Vigil Honor. Provide as much information as you can

about the nominee; be specific, providing dates wherever possible. However, if you do not know something about your nominee, do not allow that to prevent you from completing the rest of the nomination. Nevertheless, missing information could negatively impact the selection committee's assessment of your nominee.

As the nominator, you accept *responsibility* for the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the information disclosed. **If the nominee is deserving of the Vigil Honor, then the nominee merits your time and effort to thoroughly and thoughtfully complete this nomination form.** This nomination form may be the only source of information the selection committee has about your nominee. A good rule of thumb is to assume that none of the members of the selection committee know anything about your nominee. This is your opportunity to persuade them that your nominee is worthy of the Vigil Honor.

Thank you for your time and effort in completing this task.

Nominations are now being accepted by completing this nomination form *legibly*, and mail it to:

Marty Lowder, Vigil Adviser
111 Poteat Drive
Morganton, NC 28655

or email: lowdergm@yahoo.com

All nominations submitted before the deadline midnight June 4th, 2026 will be considered by the selection committee.

Nomination forms submitted in previous years will **not** be considered — only nomination forms received since the last nomination deadline will be discussed by the selection committee. Therefore, a new, *updated* nomination form **must** be submitted every year.

Submitted nominations will **not** be returned; if you desire a copy for your records, please make that copy *before* submitting it to the selection committee.

Do **not** assume that someone else will nominate an Arrowman who you feel is worthy of recognition.

To avoid disappointment and to preserve the element of surprise, please do **not** advise the nominee in any way of your actions on his/her behalf. ***A nomination does not equal automatic selection to the Vigil Honor.*** All nominations, as well as selection committee discussions, will remain **strictly confidential**.

The selection committee is comprised of youth members who vote on the nominees; adults do **not** have a vote in the selection of Vigil Honor candidates.

The selection committee has the *sole power* to recommend Arrowmen to the National Order of the Arrow committee for recognition with the Vigil Honor. Approval by the Council Executive and National organization is required. The selection committee will complete the National petition for selected nominees using the information provided on this nomination form.

Honorees will be announced during the August Ordeal, if all approvals have been received.

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| Nominee: Information | |
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| Full name: _____ <small>First Middle Last Suffix</small> | |
| Nickname: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under age 21) |
| Address: _____ <small>Street Address</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (age 21 and over) |
| _____ City State Zip Code | Unit: _____ |
| Phone number: _____ | District: _____ |
| E-mail address: _____ | Registered as: _____ |

| Nominator: Information | |
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| Anonymous nominations will not be considered by the selection committee. | |
| By submitting this nomination, the nominator asserts that the nominee has demonstrated a level of commitment and service so unselfish and so exemplary as to warrant bestowing the Vigil Honor upon the nominee. In addition, the nominator attests, to the best of his/her knowledge, that the information provided is accurate and reflective of the nominee's exceptional character. | |
| Nominator's name: _____ | _____ Nomination Date |
| Phone number: _____ | |
| E-mail address: _____ | |
| Vigil guide: each Vigil Honor candidate has a Vigil guide while keeping his/her Vigil... | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a Vigil Honor member who requests to serve as the Vigil guide for this nominee if he/she is selected. | |
| I recommend the following Vigil Honor member as Vigil guide: _____ | |

| For Vigil Honor Committee Use Only | |
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| Date received: _____ | Previous nominations submitted: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LodgeMaster "Individual History" report printed. | LodgeMaster ID # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge dues paid thru: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> B.S.A. registration verified. |
| Date completed Brotherhood: _____ | B.S.A. member # _____ |
| Youth only: age 21 on: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Have photograph. |

Service Record: Eswau Huppeday #560 and the Order of the Arrow

Please list all offices and/or positions of leadership (i.e., committee chair or adviser) held in Eswau Huppeday #560, and within the Order of the Arrow at a section, regional, and/or national level; include specific dates.

Please list any committees the nominee has been involved with (e.g., Ordeal, ceremonies, camp promotion, unit elections, conclave staff); include specific dates and what role he/she undertook (e.g., Elangomat, ceremonial part(s) performed, election team, conclave staff assignment). **Do not reiterate information listed for above question.**

Additional comments related to the nominee's Order of the Arrow service record:

Service Record: Unit, District, Council, and Scouting of America

Please list other Scouting activities and leadership positions held that also speak to the nominee's character and spirit of service (this involvement can be on a unit, district or council level, or as part of the camp staff). Describe how the nominee's actions were of an *exceptional nature*; include specific dates.

Service Record: Unit, District, Council, and Scouting of America (continued)

Is the nominee an *Eagle Scout*? Yes Date: _____ (provide full date if known, else year)
Is the nominee a *Summit Award* recipient? Yes Date: _____ (provide full date if known, else year)
Is the nominee a *Sea Scout Quartermaster*? Yes Date: _____ (provide full date if known, else year)
 No Highest Scouts B.S.A. rank, Venturing award, Sea Scout rank attained: _____

Scouting awards received (e.g., *Extraordinary Service Award*, *District Award of Merit*, *Silver Beaver*); include year received. For *Extraordinary Service Award* and any unit-level awards, please include unit type and number.

Additional comments related to the nominee's Scouting service record:

Service Record: Community

Although service to the community and non-Scouting accomplishments are **not** reasons for selection to the Vigil Honor, recounting the nominee's involvement in such activities enables the selection committee to better understand his/her character and sense of duty.

Please list any church, school, fraternal, civic, or professional activities that the nominee is or has been involved with that exemplify his/her *cheerful service* and *leadership*. Describe the nominee's involvement, listing any leadership positions or awards received; include specific dates, if possible.

Additional comments related to the nominee's community service record, or any other aspects of the nominee's life (i.e., traits, vocations, hobbies, or future commitments) that you feel the selection committee should know:

Andreasson, Olivia
Barringer, Luther W
Batten, Winford T
Beninati, Paul
Bill, Jonny Jon
Blanton, Rodney
Bryan, Travis Loren
Cloud, Mitch Ryan
Cook, Matthew
Cook, Ross James
Cook, Wendy
Davey, Connell A
Davis, Brian
Davis, Cooper
Dewey, Tom H
Donnelly, James C
Duncan, Gavin
Everley, Hallie
Fields, Joseph D.
Fisher, Robert L
Fisher, William R
Floyd, Alex
Fowler, Caleb
Hager, Ryan
Hatley, Josh
Hatley, Kaleigh
Hatley, Xander
Hefner, Jimmy
Hefner, Joseph
Hill, Caleb
Hollar, Amy
Hollar, Ezekiel
Huffman, Bentley
Huffman, Kelly
Jeffreys III, James I
Jones, Tim B
Kalinin, Daniel
Lackey, Noah
Majocho, Cole
Mask, Zane
Mathews, Troy
Mathews, Wade
Mawyer, Zane
Maynard, Chris
Maynard, Noah

McDonald, Bryan
McDonald, Landon
McGee, Aubrey
Miller, Eli Elijah
Miller, Kara
Miller, Ridley
Packard, Lucas
Paine Jr, William Christopher
Paine, Chris
Payne, Nila
Phifer, Nate
Plyler, Jack
Pruemmer, Anthony
Pruemmer, Nicholas
Pursley, Ben J
Rheeder, Jarrett Heinrich
Russell, Christopher Glenn
Salisbury, Roy Glen, Mr.
Shepherd, Gabriel
Sherrill, Daniel Daniel
Sherrill, Jacob Isiah
Sherrill, Paxton
Smith, Cali
Smith, Ryan M
Soentgen, Matthew
Strunk, Autumn
Strunk, Brooke
Thompson, Evan
Troup IV, William James
Truesdale, David
Truesdale, Jonathan
Vuk, Matthew
Wilson, Carson
Wilson, Connor
York, Ben David
York, David M
Zirkle, Lilly