



# 2012 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

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Council name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

## The council completed each of the following core requirements during the 2012 calendar year:

- Positive growth in year-end Venturing membership.                      Members in 2012 \_\_\_\_ Members in 2011 \_\_\_\_
- Positive growth in year-end Venturing crews.                                      Units in 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ Units in 2011 \_\_\_\_\_
- The council has adopted the minimum structure outlined in the standard operating procedures released by the National Venturing Youth Cabinet on <http://www.scouting.org/venturing> , or the equivalent as approved by your Scout executive. (Please submit cabinet structure and procedures with this form if using another format than the recommended Venturing officers' association.)
- The council presented at least one youth council Venturing Leadership Award.
- At least one councilwide Venturing event was planned and held by the council VOA.
- Substantial effort was made to recognize recipients of the highest-level Venturing awards (Quest, TRUST, Ranger, Silver, or Quartermaster) and the Venturing Leadership Award.
- The Venturing Key 3 communicated at least six times during the year to discuss the progress of Venturing.
- The VOA president submitted a written/oral annual report to the council executive board, personally if possible.
- The council's website and newsletter promoted Venturing training and activities, and a link to [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing) and your region Venturing website.
- The council VOA met at least four times during the calendar year at prearranged, published dates.
- A representative from the council participated in an area Venturing meeting and/or training (to include teleconferences).
- The council VOA actively utilizes and administers one or more social networks (Facebook, Yahoo Group, blog, email list, etc.) to communicate with Venturers and adult volunteers about announcements, activities, best practices, etc. Social network(s) used by the VOA: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additionally, the council completed at least five of the following elective requirements during the 2012 calendar year:

- Issued a minimum of four council Venturing newsletters, or submitted four Venturing articles for the council newsletter.
- Published a council Venturing calendar to help Venturers actively plan for and participate in council and district meetings, activities, events, and programs.
- Had more youth members (combined) earn the Quest, TRUST, Silver, Ranger, or Quartermaster awards than the previous year.  
Awards earned in 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ Awards earned in 2011 \_\_\_\_\_
- Made a formal effort to encourage Venturers to earn Venturing religious emblems.
- Promoted web-based Venturing-specific Youth Protection training to the districts and units.
- Had more adult Venturing leaders attend Powder Horn and/or Wood Badge than the previous year.  
Participants in 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ Participants in 2011 \_\_\_\_\_
- Had a representative attend a course director conference for Kodiak or Powder Horn.
- The council hosted/conducted a Powder Horn or Kodiak, or other Venturing training/leadership courses.
- More Venturing crews qualified for the bronze level or higher for the 2012 Journey to Excellence Award than in the previous year.  
Journey to Excellence crews in 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ Journey to Excellence crews in 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed and submitted by:

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Council VOA president

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Council Venturing volunteer Advisor

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Council Scout executive

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Qualified for 2012 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence:    Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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National Venturing staff Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# FAQs About the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

## **Who completes the Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award form and when?**

The council Venturing officers' association or VOA leadership must complete and submit the form no later than February 15 of the following year. For example, for 2012, the form should be submitted no later than Feb. 15, 2013.

## **When can councils earn the award?**

When all of the requirements are completed, a council will be eligible to earn the award. The Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award is determined based on successfully achieving the 2012 criteria between Jan. 1, 2012, and Dec. 31, 2012.

## **How will councils be recognized, and when will the recognition items be available?**

Recognition items will include a certificate, recognition on [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing), and recognition at the National Venturing Reception at the BSA National Annual Meeting,

## **What is a VOA?**

The Venturing officers' association is a youth-run organization with elected or appointed officers. The purpose of the VOA is to provide a forum for Venturing crews at the council level; model effective crew operations; provide a resource for youth and Scouters interested in learning about Venturing; promote councilwide Venturing activities and opportunities; assist with Venturing training; provide recruitment ideas; and develop new Venturing programs and activities.

## **Where is the Powder Horn and Wood Badge participation recorded?**

Contact your council or area training chair. They have records that include your leaders who may have completed these courses.

## **Where are the Venturing awards and recognitions recorded?**

Check with your council's advancement committee and/or registrar to determine year-to-year comparisons. Encourage all of the council crews and ships to promptly record their awards and recognitions with the council so that accurate tracking is possible.

## **Who should fill out this form?**

This form should be completed and signed by the council VOA president, council Venturing volunteer Advisor, and Scout executive. If all the requirements are met, the award is earned, and recognition will be given at the Venturing reception at the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting.

## **What is the submission process?**

Fill in the council information at the top of the form, mark the requirements that have been completed, and secure the required signatures.

## **Mail, email, or fax the completed form to:**

Boy Scouts of America

Att'n: Youth Development Team, SUM 209

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