

The James E. West Fellowship Award

IT'S NOT JUST BUYING A KNOT

Time Available

10 minutes.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Wearing square knots on the BSA uniform
- The importance of James E. West to Scouting
- The James E. West Fellowship Award
- How individuals and/or organizations help their local council by earning the James E. West Fellowship Award
- The recognition for James E. West Fellowship awardees.

Suggested Presenter(s)

Have one or more of the following people present this topic:

- A representative of the council's endowment fund.
- A scout leader who has earned; and, understands, the James E. West Fellowship Award

Presentation Method

Discussion

BSA Reference Materials

- Bryan on Scouting: Knot of the Week: [James E. West Fellowship Award](#)
- Scouting Magazine: [Faces of the Founders](#)
- Scouting Magazine: [Those Little Knots Are A Big Deal](#)



Knot

- BSA National Foundation: [James E. West Fellowship](#)
- [BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia](#)
- [Founders of the Boy Scouts of America](#)
- Your Council's James E. West Fellowship Award brochure
- Picture or Display of the Knot and Pins

Presentation Content

Introduction

The square knots worn above the left pocket show the honors and awards a Scouter has earned.

The big question is to wear square knots or to not to wear square knots on the BSA uniform

- Shows a Scouter's credentials
- May intimidate new Scouters

Scouting Magazine "[Those Little Square Knots are a Big Deal](#)" discusses not only how to wear the knots but how many one should wear

James E. West

- "...recognized throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America."
- As the First Chief Scout Executive of the BSA he served for 32 years

The James E. West Fellowship Award

- Is a National recognition that is presented by the local council at a place and time determined by the council and the donor.
- Awarded to individuals or organizations that give a gift to a local council, designated by the donor to the council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to - and not replace or diminish - the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. A minimum gift of \$1000 in cash or marketable securities qualifies for the Bronze level membership. Donors may make cumulative gifts to reach Silver, Gold, and Diamond member levels. For example, 5 years of giving at the Bronze level would qualify for Silver level membership.
- May be given to honor Scout leader(s) past and present, family members, Scouts, Eagle Scouts.
- Donations to the James E. West fund may be made in one payment or in increments, with the full amount due at a date determined by the council.

Recognition

- Certificate with name, date of gift, in a bound leather presentation folder.
- Lapel pin to wear on civilian wear.
- Square knot to wear on Scout uniform.

Conclusion

- Wearing the James E. West Fellowship Award square knot shows one's commitment to ensuring the future of Scouting in the local council.
- May entice others to become James E. West Fellowship recipients ensuring the future of Scouting for the youth in the local council.

Questions

- Answer questions from participants.