



**ELBERT K. FRETWELL
OUTSTANDING
EDUCATOR AWARD**

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL



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The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award is presented to those that improve students' lives by proactively modeling and teaching Scouting values. The award may be presented to teachers, educational support staff, and school administrators who stand out from their professional peers in instilling Scouting Values for students. This Award is intended to recognize non-scouting educators, who are nominated through local units. A unit may nominate one individual per year on each school campus.

While it is anticipated Scouts, Scouters and local units will provide many nominees, other sources for nominations include: students and school personnel; faith groups; civic groups; and local businesses.

Successful nominees will be recognized by the Great Rivers Council CEO at an appropriate public function in the recipient's area. Awards will receive public recognition and a certificate.

Nomination Process

1. The Official Nomination Form is completed and forwarded to the Pack, Troop, Crew or Post leadership.
2. The local Unit establishes a Selection Committee (three members of the Unit are suggested) to review the Nomination Form and complete the Reference Interview Form for the proposed awardee.
3. The Unit Selection Committee recommends nominee, by forwarding the Nomination Form and Evaluation Form, to the Great Rivers Council Scout Executive for final approval. (electronic copy is acceptable)
4. Great Rivers Council Scout Executive in conjunction with the local unit, schedules an appropriate award recognition time.

Elbert K. Fretwell

Dr. Fretwell, the 2nd Chief Scout Executive, was born and educated in Lewis County Missouri, was a graduate of LaGrange College and Professor of Education at Columbia University. Dr. Fretwell championed Scouting programs as extracurricular learning activities that promote positive values and community service.

Questions may be directed to Boy Scouts of America, Great Rivers Council, Taylor Crites - taylor.crites@scouting.org

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REFERENCE INTERVIEW FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE UNIT SELECTION COMMITTEE:

This form should be completed by a member of the unit selection committee while interviewing the reference in person or by phone. This information will be used to prepare the letter of commendation as well as to support the selection process.

CANDIDATE NAME

SCHOOL

REFERENCE NAME

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

RELATIONSHIP TO THE CANDIDATE

Share this statement with the reference:

“The Scout Oath and Law are a summary of values that I would like you to keep in mind during this interview about _____ (candidate name). A Scout commits to serving his country, his community, and the people around him. A Scout commits to taking good care of his body, his mind, his morals, and his religious faith. He commits to being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. These ideals sometimes go by other names, but they clearly encompass empathy, compassion, and a number of other virtues.”

How do you and the candidate know one another? _____
(Ask follow-up questions to verify experience from candidate's resume.)

What positive characteristics of the candidate stand out to you?

How has the candidate impacted the lives of students?
(Encourage stories that can be used in the commendation letter.)

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How has the candidate improved the culture of the school?

How is the candidate a model of ethical and moral values?
(What is the story?)

How has the candidate impacted the lives of the staff of the school?

How has the candidate served others in school activities outside the primary duties of her/his job?

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EVALUATION FORM

CANDIDATE NAME

SCHOOL

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE UNIT SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Please indicate whether you agree with each of the following statements as they pertain to the nominee for the Fretwell Award. Please be candid. These evaluations will be anonymous. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this important award.

All of the evaluations you will be asked to make require you to understand the values of Scouting. To help with those evaluations, what follows are the Scout Oath and Scout Law, widely understood to be the best 56 words to describe Scouting's values.

THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

The candidate...

Lives by Scouting's values in his or her personal life and excels at doing so.

SCORE

Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Peerless
1 2 3 4 5

Demonstrates success in instilling Scouting's values in students.

Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Peerless
1 2 3 4 5

Maintains an educational environment that clearly reflects Scouting's values.

Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Peerless
1 2 3 4 5

Promotes Scouting's values across school-related activities.

Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Peerless
1 2 3 4 5

TOTAL SCORE
