



Prophet Elias Adult Recognition Program

ORTHODOX SCOUTING COMMISSION
EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
Of the standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in the Americas

*“With us everything is secondary compared
to our concern with young people and
their upbringing in the instruction and
teaching of the Lord. After all what
greater work is there than training the
mind and forming the habits of the young”*

St. John Chrysostom

PURPOSE

With these words of St. John Chrysostom as our guide, the Eastern Orthodox Scouting Commission and the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting seek to recognize and honor not only youth members of the three national youth agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA and Campfire Boys and Girls), but also to recognize outstanding service by adults in the promotion and use of these programs for our Eastern Orthodox young people.

The Prophet Elias (Elijah in the English form) is traditionally held to be the greatest of the Hebrew Prophets. He maintained the importance of the worship of the true God in the face of pagan cults and temptations (I Kings 18) and upheld the claims of moral uprightness and social justice (I Kings 21) His passing of his mantle to the younger Eliasha showed that these teachings were to be continued. It is in the image of the Prophet Elias that recipients of this award pass on their religious heritage and teachings to younger Eastern Orthodox members of these national youth agencies.

These national youth agencies provide programs which our churches and other civic and religious groups may use in their ministry and service to young people, The leader chosen by the sponsoring group is the one who permeates the youth agency with the meaning of the name “Elias” – “Yahweh is my God” : especially since belief in God is one prerequisite to serving as a leader.

ELIGIBILITY

The Prophet Elias recognition is for both:

1. Actively registered adult volunteers for at least 8 years who serve young people in one or more of the three national youth agencies: Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts in the USA., and the Campfire Boys and Girls (whether sponsored by Eastern Orthodox Churches or another sponsoring group), and
2. Adult members of other religious bodies who are active registered leaders for at least 8 years of one of the three national youth agencies who are performing an exceptional service to Eastern Orthodox young people.

Recognition of an adult in either group is a true recognition of devoted service, not merely an “honor” for someone serving as a leader.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A letter of recommendation from the Eastern Orthodox Priest in the community served, and
2. A letter of recommendation from a professional Scouter or the Campfire organization including the tenure as a registered adult Scouter or Campfire leader and **(must be an active registered adult for at least 8 years)**

These letters must be submitted on letterhead

3. Complete the official application on the last page including the proper signatures and addresses of the nominators.

SECURING AND PRESENTATION OF EMBLEM

1. The completed nominations, endorsements, and application form should be sent to:

The Prophet Elias Emblem
c/o Programs of Religious Activities with Youth [PRAY]
Box 6900
8520 Mackenzie Road
St. Louis, MO 633123

(314) 638-1017

The application must be accompanied by a \$35.00 application fee (payable to PRAY). If approved, this fee will cover the cost of the emblem with ribbon and if not approved, the fee will be returned.

2. The emblem should be presented in an Eastern Orthodox Church, preferably by the Bishop, a Diocesan or Deanery Official, or by the pastor of the sponsoring church.

3. Since the Prophet Elias Emblem is a church award sanctioned by the national Scouting agencies, and not an award of those organizations, it is appropriately presented at a church ceremony, and an agency ceremony. It may be presented at an Ecumenical Boy Scout, Girl Scout, or Campfire religious observance, Religious Feast Day of Community, Pan Orthodox Vesper Services or, in case of a non Eastern Orthodox recipient, at a religious observance of the recipient's faith.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN ORTHODOX COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING HAS AMENDED THE PROPHET ELIAS AWARD APPLICATION: ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FROM DECEMBER 15, 1994 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM [1] THE PARISH PRIEST, AND [2] A BOY SCOUT, GIRL SCOUT OR CAMP FIRE PROFESSIONAL. THESE LETTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON LETTERHEAD.

Publicity is appropriate, in Diocesan publications, fraternal newspapers, or local, regional, or national publications.

OFFICIAL PROPHET ELIAS APPLICATION

NOMINEE:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

SPONSORING PARISH:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

MAILING INFORMATION:

Nominator _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # Work (_____) _____ Home (_____) _____

GUIDELINE CHECKLIST (initial and date when completed)

1		Actively participates in his/her religious institution and is a member in good standing
2		Encourages Eastern Orthodox youth to join Scouting or Campfire Boys & Girls. Encourages Orthodox Churches to sponsor Scouting units or Campfire Boys & Girls.
3		Aids Eastern Orthodox Scouts in earning the St. George, Chi—Rho and Alpha Omega Awards.
4		Promotes religious observance and participates at Scouting or Campfire functions.
5		Is a fully trained Scout or Campfire Adult leader
6		Has organized promoted, and participated in the appropriate Boy Scout, Girl Scout, or Campfire Sunday observances
7		Has promoted service projects and assisted in training and recruiting leaders.
8		Has served Orthodox Scouting or Campfire Boys & Girls for a minimum of 8 registered years. Actual dates served _____
9		Has given exemplary service to the spiritual, physical, and moral development of Orthodox Youth through service to the church and the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and/or Campfire Boys & Girls
10		Signature and address of all nominators

Parish Priest _____

Local Unit Leader _____

Scout/Campfire District/Council _____