# **SCOUTS VICTORIA**



# NOTES ON COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FOR THE QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD (FORM QS)

To be awarded the Queen's Scout Award the Venturer Scout must:

- Be a registered Venturer Scout
- Have gained the Venturing Skills Award
- Have gained the Venturer Award
  - Completed the requirements in 5 compulsory Venturer Award activities plus an additional 2 Venturer Award activities in any Activity Area
- Have completed all 13 Venturer Award activities
- Have completed 1 activity from each Queen's Scout Level Activity Area:

ACTIVITY AREA	VENTURER AWARD	QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD
Outdoor Activities	VA Initiative VA Expedition VA Outdoor	QS Expedition Or QS Outdoor
Community Involvement	VA Environment VA First Aid VA Citizenship VA Service	QS Environment Or QS Service
Leadership Development	Unit Management VA Vocations	Leadership (Compulsory)
Personal Growth	VA Ideals VA Expression VA Lifestyle VA Pursuits	QS Ideals or QS Expression or QS Lifestyle or QS Pursuits

- Be recommended by the Venturer Scout Leader (VSL)
- Be recommended by the Unit Chair on behalf of the Unit Council
- Be recommended by the Group Leader/Leader in Charge (GL/LIC) on behalf of the Group Council
- Be endorsed by a District/Zone Leader Venturer Scouts (D/ZL-VS) on behalf of the District/Zone Venturer Scout Council after peer review
- Be verified by a Venturer Scout Commissioner Region (VSC-R) that the Venturer Scout is technically qualified to receive the Queen's Scout Award
- Have a personal interview with the District Commissioner (DC) or nominee who determines the final recommendation

Upon successfully completing the above requirements, the District Commissioner will recommend to the State Chief Commissioner that the Queen's Scout Award be presented.

## **Information for all Sections**

- Has the Venturer Scout demonstrated the ability to accept responsibility in the community?
- Does the Venturer Scout know that by becoming a Queen's Scout, they are expected to participate as a member of the community?
- Has the Venturer Scout willingly shown a readiness to assist people through their knowledge gained from Scout training? E.g. has the Venturer Scout readily helped within the Group and other sections?
- Does the Venturer Scout display a Spiritual Awareness?
- Does the Venturer Scout practise each point of the Scout Law in their personal life? (Each point in the Law should be considered separately and examples of ways in which it could be obeyed should be noted)

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#### SECTION A - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VENTURER SCOUT LEADER (VSL) AND UNIT CHAIR

You are both signing the nomination on behalf of the Unit Council and you have the privilege of nominating the Venturer Scout for the Award. Any special qualities displayed by the Venturer Scout, including practical application of the Scout Law and Promise should be outlined in this section, as you will probably know him or her better than the GL/LIC, D/ZL-VS, or DC.

Achievement of Award Area activities and standards alone is not sufficient for a Venturer Scout to gain the Queen's Scout Award; it is only the first requirement.

If you and your Unit Council are sure that the Venturer Scout will satisfy the other interviewing Leaders, complete and pass the form to the GL/LIC. If you have reservations, discuss the matter first with the D/ZL-VS and GL/LIC. Wherever possible you should avoid embarrassing a Venturer Scout or the other Leaders who may have to disallow the nomination. Ensure that the District Commissioner has had the opportunity to observe your Venturer Scout in action, or you may wish to provide a pre-briefing if required.

It is essential that the District Commissioner knows something of the Venturer Scout's background before the interview.

#### SECTION B - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GROUP LEADER/LEADER IN CHARGE (GL/LIC)

You are signing the recommendation on behalf of the Group Council. You should be aware of the achievements of the Venturer Scout while undertaking the Venturer Award scheme. The GL/LIC should discuss the nomination with the Group Council. The Group Council's duty is to assess whether or not the Venturer Scout is setting a personal example of the Scouting way of life.

After careful consideration, the Group Council should recommend whether or not the nomination should proceed. If Group Council decides not to support the nomination, it should have firm evidence to support such a decision. If in doubt, the matter should be discussed with the Venturer Scout Leader, District/Zone Leader - Venturer Scouts or District Commissioner.

Upon the approval of the Group Council, the GL/LIC will sign the nomination and forward the nomination to the District/Zone Leader - Venturer Scouts (or nominee representing the District/Zone Venturer Council).

#### SECTION C - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT/ZONE VENTURER SCOUT LEADER OR NOMINEE

The Venturer Scout will usually present their work to the District/Zone Venturer Council to provide peer review. If satisfied, sign the form and then forward the nomination to the Venturer Scout Commissioner - Region.

## SECTION D - TO BE COMPLETED BY A VENTURER SCOUT COMMISSIONER - REGION (VSC-R) OR NOMINEE

In consultation with the District Commissioner and/or D/ZL-VS, your particular responsibility is to ensure that the Venturer Scout has attained the required Award standards to the best of their ability and that they are of an age to qualify for the Award. If the Venturer Scout is not technically qualified to receive the Award, the nomination must be referred back to the VSL through the D/ZL-VS.

If satisfied, endorse the form and forward the nomination to the District Commissioner.

The VSC-R where appropriate, may delegate the responsibility of certifying the technical requirements to another VSC-R.

### SECTION E - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (DC)

The final decision on whether or not to grant the Award is your decision. It is hoped that you will have observed the Venturer Scout on occasions other than the formal interview with you. Your interview with the Venturer Scout should be at a time and place appropriate to the significance and importance of the Award. At the interview, you must satisfy yourself that the Venturer Scout has undertaken the required Award Scheme activities and standards. You should be guided by the remarks and comments made by the Venturer Scout Leader and GL/LIC, as well as the information gained through conversation with the Venturer Scout.

Having satisfied yourself that the Venturer Scout is a worthy recipient of the Queen's Scout Award, you should explain the obligations of a Queen's Scout, which includes:

- Being a continuing example through living by the Scout Law and Promise
- A responsibility in serving the community in the many ways open to a Queen's Scout

If the District Commissioner delegates the responsibility of the interview to another Leader e.g., District/Zone Leader - Venturer Scouts, then that Leader must follow the procedure prescribed for the District Commissioner. **The DC must still sign the form.** 

### **SECTION F** - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VICTORIAN SCOUT CENTRE

The State Commissioner Venturer Scouts, on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, signs:

- A letter of congratulations to the Queen's Scout
- A letter to the DC with badge enclosed for presentation
- The Victorian Scout Centre actions:
  - o Sends the above two signed letters
  - o Email to Group Leader
  - o Email to Venturer Scout Commissioner Region
  - o File at State Headquarters

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