



January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**TO:** All Council Venturing Volunteers and Professionals

**SUBJECT:** Council Standards of Venturing Excellence

Between **January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, every council in the nation is asked to submit a Council Standards of Venturing Excellence (CSVE) form to the National Service Center. It is designed to analyze a council's Venturing program through measuring aspects of their growth in membership, communication, program delivery, and governance. Councils that earn the CSVE Award will be presented a dated, framed certificate at the National Annual Meeting.

Council Standards of Venturing Excellence is similar to the Journey to Excellence Scorecard; it provides three tiers of recognition determined by a point structure. Not only is this a way for councils to be recognized for their Venturing program's success, but for a way for professionals and volunteers to evaluate where support is needed in particular areas within councils. **Therefore, we ask that EVERY council submit a completed form, even if your council does not qualify for an award level.**

The completed, signed form should be turned in to [Venturing.NationalOfficers@scouting.org](mailto:Venturing.NationalOfficers@scouting.org) before February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A representative from your council's respective Region or Area Venturing Officers' Association will be in contact to help guide you through the process.

**The form can be found at:** <http://www.venturing.org/csve.html>.

There will also be an optional nation-wide CSVE Workshop held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm CT that will help walk you through the process of completing the form, answer any questions, and give insights on how to use the form throughout the calendar year as a planning tool to strengthen your council's Venturing program. Join by calling 972-734-8025.

Thank you for your support of the Venturing program!

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