

2018 Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	BRONZE LEVEL	SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	BRONZE POINTS	SILVER POINTS	GOLD POINTS
CORE REQUIREMENTS							
1	Building Venturing: Growth in Venturing membership and/or Venturing crews.	No loss in membership or Venturing crews.	Positive growth in membership or crews.	Positive growth in membership and crews.	500	600	700
2	Governance: Council has a governing Venturing Officers' Association (VOA).	Council VOA has president, Advisor, and chair. (See FAQs for more information.)	Council has a full council VOA (president, 3+ vice presidents, Advisor, and council Venturing chair).	50% of crews participate in the council VOA and council VOA has set and met SMART goals.	500	600	700
3	Promotion of Recognition System: Venturing awards are provided high visibility within the council. (See FAQs for more information.)	Venturing awards are reported in the annual council report and promoted as part of the advancement plan.	A 300-point performance plus council recognition of top Venturing awards (Summit, Ranger, Quest, TRUST) at a council-wide recognition event.	A 400-point performance plus recording of council Venturing awards by the registrar.	300	400	500
4	Activities: Council VOAs host activities for its Venturers; crews use VOA-hosted events to full advantage. (See FAQs for more information.)	15% of crews were represented at the most-attended council VOA event during the year.	30% of crews were represented at the most-attended council VOA event during the year.	50% of crews were represented at the most-attended council VOA event during the year.	200	300	400
5	Program Breadth: Council VOA effectively implements and exemplifies the ALPS model in running program events. (See FAQs for more information.)	Council VOA hosts at least one event that implements and exemplifies two points of the ALPS model.	Council VOA hosts at least one event that implements and exemplifies three points of the ALPS model.	Council VOA hosts at least one event that implements and exemplifies four points of the ALPS model.	100	200	300
CORE REQUIREMENTS SUBTOTAL							

(If the Core Requirements score is greater than or equal to 1,700, a council is eligible for the bronze recognition and may earn additional points towards silver and gold in the Elective Requirements category.)

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ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS							
1	Reporting: The VOA gives regular reports to the council governing bodies. (See FAQs for more information.)	VOA gives one status report to the council Scout executive and board president.	VOA gives two status reports to the council Scout executive and board president.	VOA gives three status reports to the council Scout executive and board president and gives a formal report to the council executive board.	50	100	150
2	Area Representation: The council VOA is involved in the area VOA.	A representative of the council VOA gives a report, either in writing or in person, to the area VOA president and Advisor.	50-point performance and a council VOA representative attends an area event or meeting either in person or by teleconference.	100-point performance and a member of the council serves on the area VOA either as an officer or as an Advisor.	50	100	150
3	Online Presence: The council Venturing program maintains an online presence to engage youth and adults. _____Social Media Engagement (likes/followers/etc.) in current year (please circle which engagement metric you are using). _____Social Media Engagement (likes/followers/etc.) in previous year (please circle which engagement metric you are using).	Council VOA has a Venturing-specific online communications plan and a council Venturing committee to implement it. (See FAQs for more information.)	50-point performance and a specific council VOA and/or council Venturing committee member is responsible for the execution of the plan.	100-point performance and positive growth in social media engagement (likes/followers).	50	100	150
4	Council VOA Presence: Council VOA actively promotes council Venturing activities through distribution of materials and engagement with the Venturing community.	Created and made promotional materials for events and council VOA meetings available to crew.	Actively distributes promotional materials at Scouting gatherings or visits 15% of units in the council by attending meetings in person to promote council VOA events and meetings. (See FAQs for more information.)	Actively distributes promotional materials at Scouting gatherings and visits 15% of units in the council by attending meetings in person to promote council VOA events and meetings.	50	100	150
5	Venturing Leadership Award: Council utilized the Venturing Leadership Award to honor exceptional service.	Council actively promoted the Venturing Leadership Award.	Council presented one Venturing Leadership Award.	Council presented two or more Venturing Leadership Awards.	25	75	100
6	Training: The council hosted/conducted a Venturing-specific training/leadership course. (Refer to FAQs for list of courses.)	One adult or youth training course.	Two adult or youth training courses.	Four adult or youth training courses.	25	75	100
7	Adult Training: More Venturing adults have taken higher-level leadership training than the previous year. (See FAQs for more information.) _____Participants in current year. _____Participants in previous year.	No less than the previous year and less than 5% increase.	5–9% increase.	10% or more increase.	25	75	100
ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS SUBTOTAL							

SCORING	(If the Core Requirements score equals or exceeds 1,700, a council becomes eligible for the bronze CSVE and may earn additional points toward silver and gold in the Elective Requirements category. If the Core Requirements score is less than 1,700, enter -0- for the Elective Requirements Subtotal.)	
CORE REQUIREMENTS SUBTOTAL ▶	ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS SUBTOTAL ▶	TOTAL SCORE ▶
BRONZE AWARD	SILVER AWARD	GOLD AWARD
1,700–2,399	2,400–2,999	3,000–3,500

Council Name: _____ Council # _____ Region: _____ Area: _____

Council VOA president name and email: _____

Council VOA Advisor name and email: _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS FEBRUARY 15, 2019

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Core Requirements

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2	Governance	If one volunteer is serving in the role of volunteer Advisor and council Venturing chair, this also qualifies for 500 points. A quorum is to be defined by the council VOA president, Advisor, and council Venturing chair and should constitute enough members that the council VOA is able to conduct regular business at the meeting of the council VOA.
3	Promotion of Recognition System	400 points: 300-point performance plus council recognition of top Venturing awards (Summit, Ranger, Quest, TRUST) at a council-wide recognition event. A "council-wide recognition event" is a council event where all Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank in a given year are recognized.
4	Activities	A crew counts as being in attendance at a council event if at least one Venturer from its crew attends the event.
5	Program Breadth	This requirement asks that VOAs use the ALPS model to shape the activities and focus of their program events. For more information about the ALPS model, please refer to the Venturing website at www.venturing.org/the-alps-model.html .

Elective Requirements

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1	Reporting	Reporting can be done in writing or orally, and in person, via phone, or via video teleconference.
3	Online Presence	Many council Venturing programs, in addition to having a strong social media presence, also have a website. Though it is not required to earn points in this category, we suggest that council Venturing programs maintain a website presence.
4	Council VOA Presence	Promotional materials include, but are not limited to, brochures, fliers, handouts, and postcards. Council VOAs are asked in this requirement to visit 15% of council crews. For example, if a council had 100 crews, the council VOA would qualify for 100 points for this requirement if it visited 15 of those crews during the year.
6	Training	The following are considered to be Venturing adult-specific trainings: Advisor Position-Specific Training and Crew Committee Challenge. Venturing youth trainings include: Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, Goal Setting and Time Management, Project Management, and Mentoring for Venturing. Please use the specific training manuals for reference as well as www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx .
7	Adult Training	Higher-level leadership training includes, but is not limited to, Wood Badge, Powder Horn, Kodiak, and Philmont Training Center courses. Adult leaders returning to staff these courses may also be counted.



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