

CHAPTER 10 AWARDS PROGRAM

10.1 NSP Awards

The NSP has a system of awards designed to recognize and reward its members for outstanding service in individual events and for extended service to the association. The national awards program may be supplemented on the division, region, section, or NSP patrol level. Many of the awards can be made at any time during the year. NSP officers are reminded that for all awards, except the national outstanding awards, a minimum of 45 days is needed to process the award.

10.2 Appointments (National and Leadership Commendation)

Intent: A patroller with an appointment is an individual who has demonstrated leadership, good character, diplomacy, a positive attitude, good judgment, unusual qualities of patrolling ability, a genuine desire to serve the skiing public, and extraordinary service to the NSP.

Receiving an appointment is not something for which a patroller—volunteer or paid—can work or plan. A patroller does not apply for an appointment. The appointment should be overdue rather than premature, but tenure alone is never an adequate criterion. To obtain this classification, a patroller must be nominated. An appointment is not intended to be a retirement award.

10.2.1 Common Qualifications

A member who is nominated for an appointment must meet the following qualifications:

- A. Must have served a minimum of eight ski seasons as a patroller (if a volunteer, a minimum of one year as a senior or certified) as an active member of the National Ski Patrol.
- B. Must have demonstrated leadership that benefits the NSP. Address all that apply:
 1. beyond the patrol level
 2. by serving two or more ski

seasons as a certified instructor in a program that is beneficial to the NSP

3. by exceptional performance as an NSP patrol representative

- C. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities in working with the skiing public as related to skier safety education.

- D. *A member may receive only one appointment.*

10.2.2 Leadership Commendation Appointment Qualifications

- A. Nominees for the Leadership Commendation who are registered as auxiliary patrollers must have completed the senior auxiliary requirements at least one year before nomination.

- B. Nominees for the Leadership Commendation Appointment who are registered as patrollers must have completed Senior OEC and four additional options from the Senior elective list at least one year before nomination.

10.2.3 National Appointment Qualifications

- A. Nominees for the National Appointment must have been an active senior alpine or nordic patroller or certified patroller for at least one year before nomination.

10.2.4 Nomination Procedure Requirements

- A. The appointment nominee must be nominated on an Appointment Award Form accompanied by a letter of recommendation that is submitted by an active NSP member with an Appointment.
- B. The appointment of a patroller registered through the Professional Division may be submitted or processed through either the Professional Division or a geographic division in the system.
- C. The appointment nominee must be approved by the nominee's NSP patrol representative, section chief, region

director, division director, and a review board. Professional patroller nominations require the approval of both the geographic and Professional division directors. (The division director may delegate the authority for overseeing the procedure to a division awards coordinator; however, this does not relieve the division director of the final responsibility for approving fully qualified and deserving nominees.)

- D. Each officer must sign his or her approval on the nomination form, except in those cases where the officer is the nominee. All signatures on the form should be from different individuals.
 - E. If the nomination is rejected at any step, the nomination, along with the reason for rejection, must be returned down the chain to the sponsor with a copy sent to the division director and awards advisor.
 - F. Professional ski patrols that certify skill levels in-house must provide a training checklist certifying those skill levels and describing them in detail. The professional patrol delegate must be satisfied that the nominee's skill standards meet or exceed the senior ski patroller skill level in that geographic division and that the nominee meets the appointment criteria in all other ways.
 - G. The nomination of a member for appointment must occur without the nominee's knowledge.
- 10.2.5 The nomination review board must consist of at least three active members with appointments who have been appointed to the board according to division policy. The term of membership on a review board should be two years, subject to reappointment for successive terms, and terms should be staggered to assure continuity.
- 10.2.6 When the nomination has been approved at the division level, the original nomination form and the letter of recommendation from the sponsor

must be forwarded by the division director or the division awards advisor to the national office for approval and processing by the national awards advisor.

- 10.2.7 Upon approval from the national awards advisor, the national office sends the appointment certificate, card, pin, and acknowledgment card to the division director, division awards advisor, or to the appropriate designated individual according to each division's custom for presentation.
- 10.2.8 Presentation of an appointment must be made at a special occasion by the highest officer in attendance (a section chief or higher officer).
- 10.2.9 The recipient must mail the signed card to the national office for the appointment and number to become valid.
- 10.2.10 The appointment is for life; however, if a member with an appointment discredits the honor of the NSP, the appointment will be revoked and the individual will be asked to relinquish the appointment insignia.
- 10.2.11 The appointment number is not transferable.

10.3 Distinguished Service Award

Intent: The Distinguished Service Award may be given to individuals who have performed extraordinary service to the National Ski Patrol and the skiing public over a long period of time. This is distinguished by exceptional devotion to duty and outstanding performance.

- 10.3.1 The Distinguished Service Award may be used to recognize members who have made excellent contributions to the system regardless of whether or not they have an appointment. A member is normally the recipient of this award only once.

10.3.2 The Distinguished Service Award also may be presented to individuals not affiliated with the National Ski Patrol for outstanding contributions to the organization. An example would be to recognize a ski area manager who has strongly supported the NSP for many years and has contributed significantly to the achievement of NSP goals.

10.3.3 The Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form must be used for this award. The nomination and approval procedures are the same as those for an appointment.

10.3.4 Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award who are members of the NSP will be given a plaque and a sweater pin engraved with the DSA insignia. Recipients outside the NSP will be given a certificate and a plaque engraved with the DSA insignia.

10.3.5 Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award must be made at a special occasion by the highest officer in attendance (a section chief or higher officer), and persons closely associated with the award recipient should be invited to attend.

10.4 Meritorious Service Award

Intent: The Meritorious Service Award is to be given to active members of the National Ski Patrol who have completed extraordinary and outstanding service and leadership as a region or division staff member. A staff member is defined as a region or division program supervisor/ advisor/coordinator and other core administrative positions (treasurer, legal counsel, registrar, alumni, etc.). This award is intended to fit between the Yellow Merit Star and the Distinguished Service Award in level of importance.

10.4.1 Qualification requirements

- A. This award can be presented only to region and division staff members.

- B. Must have served a minimum of three years in a region or division staff position.
- C. Must have demonstrated leadership and outstanding performance while performing the staff position.
- D. An individual is normally the recipient of this award only once.
- E. This award is not intended for national-level staff.

10.4.2 Nomination requirements

- A. The request for this award must be on the approved form and requires a sponsoring letter.
- B. The Meritorious Service Award can be nominated only by division or region directors.
- C. Approvals required are region or division directors and division awards coordinators.

10.4.3 Presentation

- A. Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award will receive a certificate and a pin.
- B. A region director or higher officer must make presentation of the Meritorious Service Award at a special occasion. Persons closely associated with the award recipient should be invited to attend.

10.5 Merit Stars

10.5.1 Merit Star Nomination Procedure

- A. To nominate a member for a merit star award, the Nomination for NSP Merit Star Award Form must be filled out completely and appropriate support material attached. Gold and Silver Merit Stars are automatically issued to the recipients and runners-up of national outstanding awards.
- B. The national office will send the merit star certificate to the division director, division awards advisor, or other person who has been designated to present the award.
- C. The national awards advisor has the authority to change the type of merit

star being applied for and the wording on the form after consultation with the national chair and the division director or designate.

- D. Presentation of merit star awards must be made at a special occasion by the highest NSP officer in attendance (a section chief or higher officer).

10.5.2 Gold Merit Star

The Gold Merit Star is awarded annually to the National Outstanding Alpine Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Nordic Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Student Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller, National Chair's Outstanding Administrative Patroller, National U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Patroller, National Outstanding Instructor, National Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative, and the recipient of the Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole Award.

10.5.3 Silver Merit Star

The Silver Merit Star is awarded annually to the runner-up to the National Outstanding Alpine Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Nordic Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Student Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller, National Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller, National Chair's Outstanding Administrative Patroller, National U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Patroller, National Outstanding Instructor, and the National Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative.

10.5.4 Purple Merit Star

Intent: The Purple Merit Star is given for saving a human life through emergency care. The Purple Merit Star is awarded to members who individually save or are primarily responsible, in conjunction with others, for saving a human life. This may be accomplished by rendering emergency care to someone who has been stricken by a sudden illness or accident. The Purple Merit Star may be presented regardless of where the lifesaving act was performed, provided the patient lives for approximately

24 hours after EMS takes over responsibility and emergency care was accomplished under the sole responsibility of patrollers.

- A. The Purple Merit Star may be presented regardless of where the lifesaving act was performed, provided the emergency care was accomplished under the sole direction and sole responsibility of patroller(s). Patrollers who are under the direction of another group (e.g., search and rescue, American Red Cross, military) do not qualify for a Purple Merit Star, nor do individuals who perform the life saving act while on duty in the course of their normal occupations (e.g., ambulance crew, firefighter, etc.) unless that occupation is ski patrolling.
- B. The nomination must be accompanied by a signed statement from an attending physician or, in the physician's absence, any medically knowledgeable witness (preferably a paramedic or nurse) who can substantiate that the patroller's actions primarily contributed to saving a life.
- C. In the event the nominator is unable to obtain the statements as required in 10.1.4 B, a letter from the nominee's division medical advisor attesting that, in their professional opinion based on the existing documentation supporting the case, the patroller's actions were primarily responsible for saving a life will suffice. All other documentation describing the event must also be included in the submission.

10.5.5 Blue Merit Star

Intent: The Blue Merit Star is awarded to members for outstanding or heroic use of ski patrol skills in an attempt to save a human life, but whose efforts have not met the Purple Merit Star criteria. This award also may be presented to members for outstanding service in support roles associated with the Purple Merit Star.

- A. A Blue Merit Star in association with a Purple Merit Star requires the same documentation as a Purple Merit Star. The Blue Merit Star *not* associated with

a Purple Merit Star requires its own letter of recommendation describing the incident from the sponsor but does not require medical documentation. Individuals who perform life saving acts while on duty in the course of their normal occupations (e.g. ambulance crew, firefighter) do not qualify for a Blue Merit Star unless that occupation is ski patrolling.

10.5.6 Green Merit Star

Intent: The Green Merit Star is awarded to members for an outstanding act of heroism that does not meet the lifesaving requirements of the Purple Merit Star. It is given for arduous and/or hazardous rescue work in which the recipient uses ski patrol training (e.g., at ski areas, air crashes, and mountain rescue situations, etc.).

- A. A letter of recommendation must accompany the nomination from the NSP patrol representative or higher officer. Supporting material such as newspaper clippings and statements from government offices and from any person who can attest to the patroller's actions also should be included.
- B. Individuals who perform a heroic rescue attempt while on duty in the course of their normal occupations (e.g., ambulance crew, firefighter, etc) are not eligible for this award unless that occupation is ski patrolling.

10.5.7 Yellow Merit Star

Intent: The Yellow Merit Star is awarded to members for any outstanding act or service to the National Ski Patrol. This award also may be presented to members for outstanding service in support roles associated with the Purple, Blue, or Green Merit Star.

- A. To maintain the value of the Yellow Merit Star, it should not be given too freely. The Yellow Merit Star is not awarded for local services or functions (e.g., bake sales, t-shirt sales,

repairing toboggans, painting aid rooms, etc.). These examples can be recognized with the Standard Certificate of Appreciation.

- B. A letter of recommendation from the NSP patrol representative or higher officer and any appropriate supporting material should accompany the nomination.
- C. A member may receive more than one Yellow Merit Star, but each act or administrative duty must be unrelated to any prior receipt of the award and must have relevance to the National Ski Patrol.
- D. The Yellow Merit Star is awarded at the annual NSP Board of Directors meeting to the NSP patrol representative of the NSP patrol that receives the National Outstanding Alpine and Nordic Ski Patrol Award.

10.6 Patroller's Cross

10.6.1 The Patroller's Cross may be awarded, upon approval of the division director or designee, to a member who is seriously injured in one of the following categories:

- A. During training and/or scheduled on-the-hill duty under the direction of area management.
- B. While performing search and rescue activities under the direction of a recognized authority.
- C. While performing avalanche control work under the direction of area management.
- D. While performing lift evacuation under the direction of area management.

10.6.2 The definition of a serious injury is an injury requiring physician care over a long period of time, surgery, extended rehabilitation, and/or lost work time.

10.6.3 The request for this award must be on the approved form with the required documentation. A member can receive this award more than once.

10.7 National Outstanding Awards

Each ski season the National Ski Patrol may award the following awards to NSP patrols and individual NSP members whose nominations have been submitted by a division director. A division may submit only one nomination for each award. All national outstanding awards will be called by their descriptive names, and only the trophy will carry the name of the past national chair. The winners and runners-up are announced at the annual board of directors meeting in June. The national trophies are kept on display at the national office and the winners also receive a trophy. No winner of a National Outstanding Award will be eligible for an outstanding award the following season.

10.7.1 Nomination Procedures for National Outstanding Awards

- A. Nominees for national outstanding awards may be winners in division selection procedures and must be sponsored by a division director (unless they are nominees for the U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award).
- B. No information dating back more than four years, including the current season, may be used for evaluation.
- C. Nominations are prepared by completing the appropriate forms. The completed form with all required signatures and any attachments must be received in the national office at least 60 days before the NSP annual meeting.
- D. The National Outstanding Awards Review Committee is responsible for determining the winners of the national outstanding awards (except the Charles W. Schobinger U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award). At least 35 days before the NSP annual meeting, the national office sends each committee member (judge) all the nominations received in a single category that he or she has been chosen to judge. At least 14 days before the annual meeting,

each committee member sends his or her summary of point totals for each nominee to the national awards advisor, who tallies the results. The national awards advisor then submits the tallies and results to the national chair. The national chair places the names of the winners in sealed envelopes to be opened at the NSP annual meeting.

- E. The winner of an individual outstanding award is awarded a Gold Merit Star certificate and is authorized to have a Gold Merit Star engraved on the NSP name bar. The runner-up receives a Silver Merit Star certificate and may have a Silver Merit Star engraved on the NSP name bar. All other nominees will receive a Yellow Merit Star certificate and may have a Yellow Merit Star engraved on the NSP name bar.
- F. Refer to division policy and procedures for submission schedule for awards at the division level.

10.7.2 Outstanding Alpine Ski Patrol Awards

- A. Large alpine patrol
This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol (41 or more members). It is selected from among nominations sent by division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Friends of Minnie Dole Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Small alpine patrol
This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Small Alpine Ski Patrol (40 or fewer members). It is selected from among nominations sent by division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Friends of Minnie Dole Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.

10.7.3 Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol Award

This award is presented each year to the

Outstanding Nordic Ski Patrol selected from among nominations sent by division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Ronald Ricketts Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.

10.7.4 Outstanding Alpine Ski Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Volunteer Alpine Ski Patroller selected from among nominations sent by the division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The William R. Judd Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Any active volunteer alpine patroller is eligible, except students, candidates, auxiliaries, or those who are eligible for either of the outstanding administrative awards or the Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative Award, or those who hold offices or positions above the NSP patrol representative or section advisor level.

10.7.5 Outstanding Nordic Ski Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Volunteer Nordic Ski Patroller selected from among nominations sent by the division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Donald C. Williams Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Any active volunteer nordic patroller is eligible, except students, candidates, auxiliaries, or those who are eligible for either of the outstanding administrative awards or the Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative Award, or those who hold offices above the NSP patrol representative or section advisor level.

10.7.6 Outstanding Student Ski Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Student Ski Patroller selected from among nominations sent by the division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Edward F. Taylor Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Any NSP student patroller may be nominated for a given year through the member's senior year in high school.

10.7.7 Outstanding Paid Ski Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller selected from nominations sent by the division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Harry G. Pollard Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Any member who is registered as paid, is a full-time employee at a ski area, and is paid to patrol is eligible for this award. Those who are eligible for either of the outstanding administrative awards, the Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative Award, or those who hold offices or positions above the level of NSP patrol representative, area patrol director, or section advisor are not eligible for this award.

10.7.8 Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to the Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller selected from among nominations sent by the division director to the national office and approved by the awards review committee. The Charles C. Haskins Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Any active auxiliary patroller is eligible for this award, except those who are eligible for either of the outstanding administrative awards, the

Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative Award, or who hold a position or office above the level of NSP patrol representative or section advisor.

10.7.9 Outstanding Instructor Award

- A. This award is presented each year to a member who has been an NSP certified instructor in one or more of the NSP educational programs. The Roger Langley Outstanding Instructor Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. Only *one* award is given to cover all NSP education disciplines.
- C. The recipient must have been a certified instructor for at least three ski seasons and actively instructed for the last two seasons.
- D. Any NSP member is eligible to receive the award.

10.7.10 Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative Award

- A. This award is issued each year to the Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative selected from among those nominations sent by the division director to the national office and approved by the national awards review committee.
- B. Any active NSP patrol representative is eligible.

10.7.11 U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to the U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller selected from among nominations of members, or who are eligible to be registered

(division director and above) with, the U.S. Administrative Patrol. Nominations are submitted by the division directors or national chair to the national office. The Charles W. Schobinger Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.

- B. The selection of the winner will be made by a majority vote of a committee of the NSP Board of Directors. The national office prepares this ballot (or ballots, should a majority not be obtained on the first ballot) from the nominations received in accordance with the procedures and timetable set forth for all other outstanding awards.

10.7.12 National Chair's Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award

- A. This award is presented each year to a member who has made an outstanding administrative contribution to the NSP beyond the NSP patrol level. The winner is selected from nominations sent by the division directors to the national office and approved by the awards review board. The National Chair's Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award is inscribed on the trophy that is kept on display at the national office.
- B. The nominee may be a section chief, region director, and region or division supervisor/advisor. If the individual is eligible for the U.S. Ski Patrol Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award or Outstanding NSP Patrol Representative Award, that person *cannot* be considered for the National Chair's Outstanding Administrative Ski Patroller Award.

10.7.13 Rating System for Outstanding Awards

Award Form Section	Patroller <i>Alpine Nordic, Auxiliary</i>	Patroller <i>Paid</i>	Student	Admin.	Instructor	NSP Patrol Representative	Patrol
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
3	15	15	20	15	20	15	10
4	a5/b5	a5/b5	a5/b5	a5/b5	a5/b10	a5/b5	10
5	10	5	5	5	5	10	10
6	5	5	5	10	5	5	15
7	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
8	10	15	15	10	5	10	15
9	10	10	5	10	10	10	20
10	20	20	20	20	20	20	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

10.8 Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole Award

10.8.1 This extremely rare award recognizes those exceptional few members who, over the years, have closely exemplified the long-term dedication, devotion, and self-sacrifice of the founder of the NSP, Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole.

10.8.2 The winner of this award must be an NSP member who has at least 25 years of active patrolling service, is registered as an active member at the time of nomination, has provided continuous leadership for more than 10 years in offices from NSP patrol representative through national levels, and has designed and implemented

programs, projects, procedures, and equipment that have positively affected the entire National Ski Patrol.

10.8.3 A nomination must be made in the form of a letter that has been signed by 10 or more currently registered NSP members with appointments.

10.8.4 The nomination must receive the unanimous approval of a committee of the board to be awarded.

10.8.5 This award may not be presented to the person who receives an outstanding patroller award that year. The Minnie Dole Award may be given only upon nomination and approval. The Minnie Dole Award may not be presented at all if no one is eligible in

a given year, or to one or more recipients.

- 10.8.6 The recipients of the Minnie Dole Award will be announced at the annual meeting of the NSP Board of Directors. Announcements may be withheld if the award is to be made at another occasion.

10.9 Avalanche Award

- A. The Montgomery M. Atwater Award is given periodically to recognize NSP members or non-members who have made outstanding and continuing superlative contributions to the Avalanche Program with national impact. Examples of such contributions might fall under management, curriculum development, publication, scientific discovery, or any combination thereof.
- B. Nominations for the award must be forwarded to the national avalanche program director, who will select a committee of three nationally respected avalanche specialists (including the avalanche program director) and at least one non-NSP member. The award recommendation goes to the NSP national chair.

10.10 National Recognition Awards

10.10.1 Unit Citation Award

- A. A Unit Citation Award certificate may be presented by the national chair, upon the recommendation of a division director, to any NSP patrol that has performed in any outstanding manner in the NSP, the ski industry, winter recreation, or rescue, and when it is not possible to single out specific individuals.
- B. Nominations for unit citations are made in letters to the national awards advisor through appropriate local and division channels.
- C. The Unit Citation Award Certificate is given automatically to each NSP patrol nominated by its division for the National Outstanding Ski Patrol Award.

10.10.2 National Certificate of Appreciation

Intent: The National Certificate of Appreciation is for national-level service that does not meet the level of the Yellow Merit Star. Examples would be area managers/owners, retiring ski patrollers, and patrollers who deserve national recognition.

- A. There are two levels of Certificates of Appreciation that may be used. A National Certificate of Appreciation is signed by the national chair, has a gold seal affixed, and is awarded for national level service. This certificate requires the submission of a nomination form similar to that used for merit stars, and requires a letter of justification signed by the sponsor, NSP patrol representative, region awards coordinator, division director, and/or awards coordinator.
- B. Members as well as non-NSP members or groups are eligible for either the National Certificate of Appreciation or the Standard Certificate of Appreciation.

10.10.3 Standard Certificate of Appreciation

Intent. The standard Certificate of Appreciation is to be used for those situations that affect the National Ski Patrol at the local, region, or division level only.

- A. The Standard Certificate of Appreciation lower right hand corner reads, "for the National Ski Patrol" and may be signed by the division director or region director. This certificate is awarded for local service and may be obtained from the *NSP Winter Catalog*. (No form is necessary for this award.)
- B. Members as well as non-NSP members or groups are eligible for the Standard Certificate of Appreciation.

10.10.4 Division or Region Certificate of Appreciation

- A. The division or region Certificate of Appreciation may be awarded, upon

the recommendation of an NSP officer, to individuals or groups that have provided service to or support of the NSP that does not fall within the scope of the other awards categories.

- B. This certificate may be awarded to non-members or non-NSP patrol groups for valued contributions in furthering the goals of the NSP.
- C. The national chair, division or region directors, section chiefs, or NSP patrol representatives may present the certificates.

10.11 Service Recognition Award

- 10.11.1 The Service Recognition Award may be used to recognize members who have served the NSP for 10 years or longer. (This award should be given when years of service add up to an increment of five years.)
- 10.11.2 NSP patrol representatives or awards advisors may order service recognition certificates from the national office.
- 10.11.3 The service of elected members of the NSP Board of Directors is recognized in a manner similar to that currently used for staff and advisors upon leaving the positions.

10.12 Honorary Awards

10.12.1 Honorary National Appointment

- A. The Honorary National Appointment is awarded at rare intervals to individuals who have performed unusual or highly useful service of national significance to the National Ski Patrol. The recipient is not required to meet the skiing, emergency care, or other requirements of registered NSP members, nor is the recipient required or expected to perform the duties of a patroller. The recipients of this award may not wear the official NSP uniform unless they become NSP members.
- B. NSP members or retired members are not eligible to receive this award.
- C. This honorary award must be submitted to the national chair for

approval, with the concurrence of the NSP Board of Directors.

- D. The presentation of an Honorary National Appointment must be made at a special occasion by the highest officer in attendance (national chair or designee).

10.12.2 Angel Pin

The NSP Angel Pin may be awarded, upon the approval of the division director or designate, to non-members of NSP who have provided valuable contributions to the NSP.

10.13 Awards Coordinator Job Descriptions

- 10.13.1 Division Awards Coordinator
See section 6.5.4.
- 10.13.2 National Awards Coordinator
See section 6.3.5.

10.14 Awards Forms

Awards forms may be found in section 10.14 of the table of contents of this online manual or in the Downloads section of every NSP member's personal page.



Please refer to Chapter 10 of the current version of NSP Policies and Procedures for award guidelines before completing this form.

NOMINATION
PATROLLER'S CROSS

The Patroller's Cross may be awarded to a member who is seriously injured in one of the following categories:

- 1. During scheduled on-the-hill duty and/or training.
2. While performing search and rescue activities under the direction of a recognized authority.
3. When performing avalanche control work under the direction of area management.
4. When performing lift evacuation under the direction of area management.

The definition of a serious injury is an injury requiring physician care over a long period of time, surgery, extended rehabilitation and/or lost work time. It is further described as an injury that prevented the member from returning to their normal patrolling duties for the balance of the ski season.

This award is not to be given posthumously. (In the case of a fatal injury it is appropriate to award a Distinguished Service Award to the family.)

APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS ARE REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING AND MAILING OF AWARDS

1. Nominee's Name NSP ID No.
2. Mailing Address
3. Registered with NSP Patrol Region Division
5. Letter supporting nomination is attached YES
A P Sponsor Date Signed
P R NSP Patrol Representative Date Signed
O V Region Awards Advisor Date Signed
A (if required by division) Date Signed
L Division Director and/or
S Awards Advisor Date Signed

INSTRUCTIONS

- This form is used for the nomination of a patroller for a Patroller's Cross. It should be typewritten. No nicknames should be used.
An attached letter of recommendation signed by the NSP patrol representative or higher officer must accompany this request, explaining the nature of the injury sustained and the nominee's inability to perform their normal patrolling duties.

To whom award should be sent: (To be completed by division)

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Date Needed

Copies: 1 Patrol--1 Section (if required)--1 Region--2 Division (original to be sent by Division to National Office)



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NOMINATION
MERIT STAR or NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PURPLE GREEN BLUE YELLOW NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

- 1. Nominee's Name NSP ID No.
2. Mailing Address
3. Registered with Patrol Division
4. Wording on Certificate (event, place, date (space is limited on certificate))
5. Letter of Recommendation is attached YES
6. Supporting Documents are attached YES

APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS ARE REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING AND MAILING OF AWARDS

A Sponsor Date Signed
P NSP Patrol Representative Date Signed
O Region Awards Advisor Date Signed
L (if required by division) Date Signed
S Division Director and/or Awards Advisor Date Signed

INSTRUCTIONS

- This form is used for the nomination of a patroller for a NSP Merit Star or National Certificate of Appreciation. It should be typewritten. No nicknames should be used.
Give reason, event, place, and dates, indicating exactly how the typing in the award certificate should appear. (The National Office reserves the right to change the wording thereof.)
An attached letter of recommendation signed by NSP patrol representative or higher officer must accompany this request.

The following support material is required:

- PURPLE MERIT STAR - a signed statement from an attending physician, or in his/her absence, a medically knowledgeable witness. Also letters from others in attendance would be helpful.
GREEN MERIT STAR - newspaper clippings, statements from government officials, and any other knowledgeable persons of the incident indicating the nominee's involvement.
BLUE MERIT STAR - same documents required as those for purple and green merit stars.
YELLOW MERIT STAR - any appropriate material in accordance with your division policy.
NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - letter of justification signed by the sponsor, NSP patrol representative, region awards advisor, division director, and/or awards advisor.

To whom award should be sent: (To be completed by division)

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Date Needed

Copies: 1 Patrol 1 Section (if required) 1 Region
2 Division (original to be sent by Division to National Office)



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NOMINATION APPOINTMENTS

[] Leadership Commendation Appointment

[] National Appointment

- 1. Nominee's Name NSP ID
2. Mailing Address
3. Date of Birth
4. Seasons as a: Patroller Auxiliary Professional Senior Certified
5. Date of original NSP registration as a member of Ski Patrol
6. Now registered with Patrol Division

APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS ARE REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING AND MAILING OF AWARDS

INSTRUCTIONS:

This form is to be used to nominate a person for an appointment. This form should be typewritten. Please note the date this form was prepared. Indicate in the appropriate box if this is for a Leadership Commendation Appointment or a National Appointment.

Section 1-6

In all cases sections are to be filled out accurately. Do not use nicknames.

Section 7

Describe leadership qualifications in 7A,B, and/or C as they apply.

Section 7A

List elected or appointed positions, committee work, or demonstrated leadership that benefits the NSP beyond the patrol level (region, division, national).

Section 7B

List number of seasons served as a certified instructor. This can include being a CPR instructor. Give a description of course and hours involved.

Section 7C

List area(s) that nominee showed exceptional performance as a NSP patrol representative. This may include new programs established for the patrol, negotiations with management that have enhanced the patrol, or other ski area concerns.

Section 8

Nominee must have been an active member for a minimum of 8 seasons. One season must have been at the senior level.

Section 9

List the nominee's specific contributions to the NSP at all levels. This should include offices held, committee work, patrol activities, etc.

Section 10

List and describe classes, lectures, or other ski safety involvement nominee has had with the skiing public. This may include skier education teams at areas and/or middle school or high school presentations, bus lectures, ski train lectures, etc.

Section 11

List all NSP awards and/or other ski safety awards.

Letter of Recommendation

All nominations must include a letter of recommendation from the sponsor. The letter of recommendation should be brief but complete. It should cross reference supplemental data to the numbered sections on the nomination form.

When signing the nomination form and the letter of recommendation the sponsor certifies that he or she knows the nominee personally and can vouch for the soundness of the nomination. The NSP patrol representative endorses the nominee and verifies the nominee's classification, activity hours, awards, etc., as an NSP member. The review board chair affirms that the nomination has been scrutinized by three or more members of the board who have verified the eligibility of the nominee in accordance with NSP criteria. The region director certifies that the review board has reviewed the nomination. He or she then forwards the nomination to the division review board chair or to the division awards advisor.

If the nominee is one of the officers required to sign the form, the word *Nominee* should be written in that space

and the form sent to the next officer on the list.

7. Must have demonstrated leadership that benefits the NSP

A. Beyond the patrol level:

B. Or serving two or more ski seasons as a certified instructor in a program beneficial to the NSP:

Number of seasons served _____

Course description _____

C. Or exceptional performance as NSP patrol representative (explain):

8. Patrol Experience (minimum 8 seasons required; 1 season as a senior):

Auxiliary _____ years Alpine _____ years Certified _____ years
 Nordic _____ years

9 NSP Organization History:

Date _____ List and describe leadership positions, committee assignments, patrol activities, etc.

10. Skiing public and skier safety education (show lectures, projects, interaction with the skiing public):

11: NSP Awards

12. Letter of Recommendation is attached YES

A				
P	Sponsor	_____	Appointment No.	_____
P	NSP Patrol Representative	_____	Date Signed	_____
R	Section Chief	_____	Date Signed	_____
O	Region Director	_____	Date Signed	_____
V	Review Board Chair	_____	Date Signed	_____
A	Division Director	_____	Date Signed	_____
L	National Chairman	_____	Date Signed	_____
S				

Please attach additional pages as necessary, referring to the appropriate section of this form.

To whom award should be sent: (To be completed by division)

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Date Needed _____

Copies: 1 Patrol 1 Section (if required) 1 Region
2 Division (original to be sent by Division to National Office)



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NOMINATION
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Organization Individual

- 1. Nominee's Name NSP ID#
2. Mailing Address
3. Registered or Associated with Patrol Division
4. Wording on Certificate (space is limited)
5. Letter of Recommendation is attached YES See other side for sections 6-14

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Table with columns for role (A, P, R, O, V, A, L, S) and Date Signed.

INSTRUCTIONS:

This form is to be used to nominate a person or organization for the Distinguished Service Award. This form should be typewritten. Indicate in the appropriate box whether this information is for an individual or an organization. Also please note the date this form was prepared.

Section 1-3

In all cases sections are to be filled out accurately. Do not use nicknames.

Section 4

The wording on the certificate will be started with "The National Ski Patrol hereby awards the NSP Distinguished Service Award to ___ in recognition and acknowledgment of". Provide the finished wording desired in one short sentence in the space provided.

Section 6-14 (Sections 6-14 on other side)

These sections are to be utilized if this nomination is for an individual. If the nominee is or was not a member of the NSP some of these questions are not applicable and need not be answered.

Section 10

Indicate NSP patrol membership at ski areas for a member of the NSP. For non-members, give the individual's personal skiing history.

Section 11

If nominee is or ever was a member of the NSP, list the nominee's specific contributions to the NSP at all levels. This should include offices held, committee work, patrol activities, awards, etc. In the case of a non-NSP nominee, explain the individual's involvement with the NSP.

Section 12

List training courses or workshops such as:

- OEC Instructor, Instructor Trainer, Program Administrator
ARC or AHA CPR Instructor Trainer
NSP Instructor Development Phase I or Phase II Instructor Trainer
NSP Management Training Course

- Professional Ski Instructor Pre-Course
Region or Division Continuing Education Seminars
Region or Division Ski and Toboggan Clinics
Avalanche and Mountaineering Courses

Provide any additional information about the courses or examinations taken that may assist in the evaluation of the nominee and his or her specific accomplishments.

Sections 13-14

These sections are used when the nominee is an organization. Under section 13 provide the history of the organization, what it is, what it does, how it was founded, its general involvement in the sport of skiing, etc. In Section 14 explain how this organization has benefited the NSP.

Letter of Recommendation

All nominations must include a sponsor's letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation should be brief but complete. It should cross reference supplemental data to the numbered sections on the nomination form.

When signing the nomination form and the letter of recommendation the sponsor certifies that he or she knows the nominee personally and can vouch for the soundness of the nomination. The NSP patrol representative endorses the nominee and verifies the nominee's classification, activity hours, awards, etc., of an NSP member, or the involvement in the sport of skiing of a non-member. The review board chair affirms that the nomination has been scrutinized by three or more members of the board who have verified the eligibility of the nominee in accordance with NSP criteria. The region director certifies that the review board has reviewed the nomination. He or she then forwards the nomination to the division review board chair or to the division awards advisor. If the nominee is one of the officers required to sign the form, the word Nominee should be written in that space and the form sent to the next officer on the list.

INDIVIDUAL (NSP and Non-NSP)

- 6. Date of Birth _____ Male Female
- 7. Seasons as a: Patroller _____ Senior _____ Certified _____ Professional _____ National _____
- 8. Date of Original Registration _____ as a member of _____ Patrol _____
- 9. Now Registered with _____ Patrol _____ Region _____ Division _____
- 10. Ski Patrol Membership (NSP member) or ski history (non NSP Member)

11 NSP History: show leadership positions, committee assignments, patrol activities, awards, etc. for NSP member, or NSP involvement for non-member.

12. Training courses/workshops

Description	Location	Date	Comments

ORGANIZATION (Non-NSP)

13. Background/History of Organization

14. Support of NSP Organization

To whom award should be sent:(To be completed by Division)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Date Needed _____

Copies: 1 Patrol 1 Section 1 Region
 2 Division (original to be sent by Division to National Office)



National Ski Patrol
 133 South Van Gordon, Ste 100
 Lakewood, CO 80228-1706

Date _____

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**NOMINATION
 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

1. Nominee's name _____ NSP ID# _____
2. Mailing address _____
3. Registered with: Region _____ Division _____
4. Letter supporting the nomination is attached: yes

APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS ARE REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING AND MAILING OF AWARDS

Instructions:

This form is to be used to nominate a person for the Meritorious Service Award and should be typewritten. No nicknames should be used.

An attached letter of recommendation signed by the sponsor (Region or Division Director) must accompany this request.

The Meritorious Service Award is to be given to active members of the National Ski Patrol who have completed extraordinary and outstanding service and leadership as a Region or Division staff member.

Staff member is defined as a Region or Division program supervisor/advisor/coordinator and other core administrative positions (treasurer, legal counsel, registrar, alumni, etc.). This award is intended to fit between the Yellow Merit Star and the Distinguished Service Award in level of importance.

Qualification Requirements

1. This award can be presented only to Region and Division staff members.

A Region Director _____ **Date** _____

P

P Division Director _____ **Date** _____

R

O Division Awards Coordinator _____ **Date** _____

V

A

L

S

2. Must have served a minimum of 3 years in a Region or Division staff position.
3. Must have demonstrated leadership and outstanding performance while performing the staff position.
4. An individual is normally the recipient of this award only once.
5. This award is not intended for National Staff.

Nomination Requirements

1. The request for this award must be on the approved form and requires a sponsoring letter.
2. The meritorious Service Award can be nominated only by Division or Region Directors.
3. Approvals required are Region or Division Directors and Division Awards Coordinators.

Presentation

1. Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award will receive a certificate and a pin.
2. A Region Director or higher officer must make presentation of the Meritorious Service Award at a special occasion. Persons closely associated with the award recipient should be invited to attend.

Award to read:

For meritorious service as the _____ for the

_____ *Region/Division from* _____

to _____

To whom this award should be sent (to be completed by the division)

Name of Region or Division Director _____

Address: _____

Copies: 1 region; 2 division; original to be sent by division to national office.



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NOMINATION
OUTSTANDING SKI PATROL

ALPINE [] 1 to 40 members [] 41 or more members
[] NORDIC

1. NSP Patrol _____
NSP Patrol Address _____
Ski Area Served _____
Section _____ Region _____ Division _____

Signature of Approval Date Signed
NSP Patrol Representative _____
Section Chief _____
Region Director _____
Review Board Chair _____
Division Director _____
National Chairman _____

INSTRUCTIONS

General

No information dating back more than four years, including the current season, will be used for evaluation. Supporting information may be attached when space on the next page is insufficient, but it must not exceed two single side 8 1/2 x 11 pages. Be sure to cross reference the supplemental information to the pertinent section of this nomination form. Do not reduce type size (minimum size 9 point).

Section 1

Type the above information as requested indicating the type of patrol being nominated, i.e., Alpine small, Alpine large, or Nordic. The above section is the only place on this nomination where your patrol, region, or division may be identified. This page will be removed by the National Office before it is forwarded to the National Selection Committee. It is imperative that all other sections of this nomination not refer to a specific name of a person, place, or thing to ensure fairness in the selection process. Failure to comply will result in rejection of the nomination.

Section 2

Most questions are self explanatory. In 2e, for those areas that run more than one shift per day, combine the number of patrollers and shifts for that day and consider it as a single day's shift.

Section 3

Types of written operation procedures might include bylaws, management relations, snow safety, reckless skier, search and rescue, avalanche, etc.

Section 4

List NSP awards and citations received by the patrol and patrollers within the NSP showing dates. Awards and citations presented by a government or affiliated agency may also be included. National Appointments should not be included. News articles may be attached to substantiate the award, but they are not to be sent to the national office.

Section 5

Show offices currently held by patrol members with section, region or division as well as those of affiliated patrol members registered through

an administrative patrol who currently hold offices at division or national level. Do not include names. Show office for only last three years including current year.

Section 6

Indicate the patroller attendance and type of participation at region or division meetings. If your patrol hosted the meeting, give the number of patrollers who worked on setting up the meeting.

Section 7

Give the number of refresher training and other activities in excess of those required by NSP standards for registration each season. Describe in detail your candidate training and its results. List leadership training courses given. Outline the training programs hosted by your patrol. Describe the patrol's involvement in testing. The foregoing should include not only skiing and Outdoor Emergency Care but other related areas such as avalanche, search and rescue, management training, etc. List the number of certified testers, instructors, and students.

Section 8

List safety lectures to schools and ski clubs, TV and radio spots, newspaper releases, etc., as well as any other information that shows the patrol's contributions to the sport of skiing, such as direct involvement in a ski club or council of clubs, involvement in Special Olympics, ski shows, clinics, and allied organization (PSIA, NSAA, Boy Scouts, YMCA), etc.

Section 9

Discuss in detail any unique or unusual hardships and problems overcome by the patrol during the past season. State specifically why this patrol is outstanding. Describe any newly developed equipment or procedures to make the sport of skiing easier, safer, etc. This could include new lift evacuation devices, transportation devices, new aid room equipment, etc. This section should also list any off-area rescues, including time and number of patrollers involved.

Date _____

2. Statistics

- a. Year patrol activated _____
- b. Type and number of lifts (for alpine) or miles of trails (for nordic) _____
- c. Number of days area in operation: This season _____ Last season _____
- d. Number of days patrol responsible: This season _____ Last season _____
- e. Average number of patrollers per day _____ Per night (if night shifts) _____
- f. Number of volunteer patrollers _____ Number of paid patrollers _____
- g. Number by Classification
Candidate _____ Patroller _____ Auxiliary _____ Senior _____ Certified _____
- h. Number of National Appointments registered with patrol _____

3. Organization:

- a. Officers: Elected _____ Appointed: _____
- b. Types of written operation procedures, i.e., avalanche, triage, or major accidents
- c. Percentage of returning patrollers in the past three (3) years including current year _____

4. Awards

5. Offices

6. Participation in NSP meetings

7. Training and testing

8. Public service

9. Why is this patrol outstanding?

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2 Division (original to be sent by division to national office)



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NOMINATION
OUTSTANDING SKI PATROLLER

Select One: [] Student [] Auxiliary [] Alpine [] Nordic [] Instructor [x] Professional
[] Administrative Ski Patroller Award [] NSP Patrol Representative [] US Ski Patrol Administrative Award

1. Nominee's Name _____ NSP ID No. _____
Address _____
Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____
Registered with _____ Patrol _____ Division _____

Signatures of Approval

Date Signed

NSP Patrol Representative _____
Section Chief/Region Awards Advisor _____
Region Director _____
Review Board Chair/Division Awards Advisor _____
Division Director _____
National Chair _____

INSTRUCTIONS

General

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Section 1

Type the above information as requested. Do not use nicknames. Make sure to mark (x) the type of nominee patroller, i.e., Alpine, Nordic, Auxiliary, etc. Only the above information identifies the person and his or her patrol, region, or division. This page will be removed by the National Office before it is forwarded to the National Selection Committee. To ensure fairness in the selection process, it is imperative that all other sections of this nomination not refer to a specific name of a person, place, or thing. Failure to comply with this request will result in the rejection of this nomination. If the nominee is one of the officers who is required to sign the form, the word Nominee should be written in that space and the form sent to the next officer on the list.

Section 2a

List dates and mark (x) in appropriate box. Omit geographical references.

Section 2b

Explain as needed any unusual circumstances that may not be reflected on above grid, i.e., nominee transferred to another patrol, changed discipline, dual membership, etc.

Section 3

Provide all required information. Be accurate.

Section 4

- a. Describe the ski patrol-related training courses taken and completed; include dates starting with the most recent. Examples: OEC, MTR, senior, etc.; non-NSP courses such as AED, CPR, etc.
b. Describe the ski patrol-related courses taught, including dates of classes (most recent listed first), number of students—local, region, or division level.

Section 5

List the positions held, showing dates. Indicate offices, advisorships, committee chairmanships, etc., showing dates starting with the most recent.

Section 6

List all NSP Awards showing dates starting with the most recent.

Section 7

List the NSP programs the nominee was involved in showing dates starting with the most recent; specific ones being the following:

- a. Promotion of ski safety, accident prevention, and public relations
b. Involvement in instruction and evaluation.
c. Involvement in fund raising
d. Development of new equipment or procedures.
e. Participation in section, region, division, and national committees or programs

Section 8

Show where the nominee has interacted with the community and has contributed as it relates to the skiing industry. This would include Special Olympics, ski clubs, church ski programs, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.

Section 9

Specify how the nominee has supported and cooperated with agencies affiliated with the NSP.

Show cooperation with:

- a. Ski area management
b. Government
c. Ski instructors
d. Allied agencies - NSAA, SIA, PSIA, etc..

Section 10

All nominations should include a letter of recommendation. State in detail why this nominee should receive the National Outstanding Award, listing specific accomplishments that led to the nomination. The letter should cross-reference supplemental data to the numbered sections on the nomination form as needed. Do not use any names or geographical references that might identify the nominee.

Section 11

Information for nomination of outstanding instructor award only.

2. Ski Patrol Service

Dates		A L P I N E	N O R D I C	A U X I L I A R Y	S T U D E N T	P A I D	V O L U N T E E R
-	Candidate						
-	Patroller						
-	Senior						
-	Certified						
-	Appointment (NA-LCA)						

- a. List dates and mark (x) appropriate box.
- b. Explain, as needed, any unusual circumstances that may not be reflected on above grid, i.e., nominee transferred to another patrol, changed discipline, dual membership, etc

3. NSP Service Time:

- a. Number of hours on hill duty this season _____ last season: _____
- b. Number of hours off hill duty this season _____ last season: _____

4. Ski patrol related training courses successfully completed and/or instructed

- a. Completed
- b. Instructed

5. NSP leadership positions held

6. NSP awards received

7. Support of NSP

8. Contribution to skiing outside of NSP

9. Relationship with cooperating agencies

10. Letter of nomination is attached Yes

11. For Outstanding Instructor **only**: (insert date of instructor certification in appropriate fields)

Alpine Toboggan _____ Avalanche _____ Instructor Development _____ MTR _____
 Nordic _____ Outdoor Emergency Care _____ Patroller Enrichment Seminar _____
 Other (please identify) _____

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