

**T**he William H. Spurgeon III Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program.

## Background

The William H. Spurgeon III Award was developed in 1971 in honor of the man who is regarded as the major leader in the development of special-interest Exploring. Spurgeon, a business executive at the Irvine Company in Southern California, personally organized many special-interest posts in the 1960s. He served for many years as a member of the National Council Executive Board and

National Exploring Committee. His pioneering efforts led to the present Exploring program. He devoted much of the late 1960s to promoting Exploring and is particularly remembered as a dynamic speaker for Exploring Impact Plan luncheons across America. Spurgeon passed away in 1970.

## Purpose

The award is designed for council use to recognize individuals or organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring program. The award is also presented regionally and nationally.

## Awards to Individuals

The council may present the Spurgeon Award to men and women who have rendered outstanding leadership to the



# William H. Spurgeon III Award Fact Sheet

Exploring program either as an Explorer post adult leader or as a district, division, or council Exploring adult volunteer. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form. A suggested nomination form is attached.

## Awards to Organizations

The council may present the Spurgeon Award to schools, businesses, industries, labor unions, governmental agencies, civic clubs, fraternal groups, and other community organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding record of providing significant leadership to the Exploring program. Each council may determine the criteria and procedure for granting the award; therefore, each council develops its own nomination form. A suggested nomination form is attached.

## Recognition Plaque

Design a local ceremony and order the award (No. 17433) from the National Distribution Center for presentation.

## Selection Procedure

The Spurgeon Award selection committee is part of the program function of the local Learning for Life committee. Through proper public relations, focus attention on the winner and his or her accomplishments.

# William H. Spurgeon III Award Nomination Form

(Although each council is encouraged to develop its own nomination form, here is a suggestion.)

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Spurgeon Award nominations are due \_\_\_\_\_.  
month/day/year

## Information about Spurgeon Award nominee:

(Please help us by typing or writing legibly.)

Name of nominee (organization) \_\_\_\_\_

His or her position: \_\_\_\_\_

Company or organization that employs nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's work phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Information about Spurgeon Award nominee's volunteer activities:

You may use additional sheet for these descriptions. (You're welcome to include any letter of reference that you feel would strengthen your nomination.) If you do, please note here: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have attached additional information.

Primary organization that your nominee volunteers for:

Description of volunteer activities for this organization:

Description of the time commitment made by nominee (number of years and number of hours per week or month):

The greatest contribution nominee has made to the organization:

Secondary organization that nominee volunteers for:

Description of volunteer activities for this organization:

Description of the time commitment made by nominee (number of years and number of hours per week or month):

The greatest contribution your nominee has made to the organization:

In the space below, or on an additional sheet of paper, please note the reasons you have selected this nominee as an outstanding role model for today's young people.

\_\_\_\_ I have attached additional information.

In the space below, or on an additional sheet of paper, please explain how your nominee has shown excellence in his or her profession or craft:

\_\_\_\_ I have attached additional information.

**Information about you:**

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your position and company/organization affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your work phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

If my nominee is selected as a \_\_\_\_\_ Spurgeon Award recipient, I will ensure his or her attendance at the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ recognition event/dinner on \_\_\_\_\_ date. I will also encourage members of my

organization and friends and associates of my nominee to attend.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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