



# 2017 SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION

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One of the fourfold purposes of the Order of the Arrow is: “to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others”. It is with this spirit of cheerful service to others that the Order proudly continues the matching service grant program.

For 2017, the Order of the Arrow is making available \$50,000 in matching grant money to lodges for camp property or service center projects in their local council. The Order will provide up to one-half of the money for a service project with a \$5,000 maximum amount granted for any lodge project. Total service project cost is not to exceed \$20,000. Service grant applications should only be submitted for proposed projects, NOT projects that are currently in progress or completed.

Please give attention to all of the details and instructions contained in this application form.

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**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 31, 2016  
FOR CONSIDERATION**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION AND RETURN TO:

Boy Scouts of America  
Order of the Arrow  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079



## **LODGE SERVICE PROJECT GUIDELINES**

All chartered lodges applying for the 2017 lodge service project grant must meet the following guidelines:

1. All lodge projects must be for the improvement of the council's camp properties or service center.
2. All lodges applying for a service project grant must not have received a grant from the Order of the Arrow during the last two years (2015 & 2016).
3. All lodges applying for a service project grant must have achieved at least bronze level JTE recognition in 2015.
4. All proposed lodge projects must have the lodge chief, lodge adviser, council president, and Scout executive approval and signatures. Applications without all four signatures will not be considered.
5. The lodge must contribute at least 50% of the labor necessary to complete the project.
6. The camp property or service center project must be completed by October 31, 2017.
7. A final report of the service project must be sent to the director of the Order of the Arrow by November 30, 2017. The report should include a description of the project, the total cost of the project, labor hours contributed by the lodge, and pictures of the completed project.

## **PROJECT SELECTION**

Lodge service project grant requests are due on or before October 31, 2016. Members of the national Order of the Arrow committee will review all requests; and those lodges awarded grants, based on the merit of the project, will be notified by January 31, 2017.

Selection criteria that will be used by the committee are:

1. Does the project enhance Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting in the council?
2. Does the project impact a significant percentage of Scouts in the council?
3. What is the "NEED" for the project?
4. Is the project consistent with your lodge and council goals and objectives?
5. Is the project innovative in scope or design?
6. Can the project be completed by October 31, 2017?

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Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Headquarters City: \_\_\_\_\_

2015 Lodge Membership: Y \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ Total Youth in Council: \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of membership will work on the project? \_\_\_\_\_

Who else other than lodge members will be involved with the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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Total estimated hours to be contributed by the lodge for the proposed project:

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Achieved at least bronze level JTE recognition in 2015: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is the project consistent with lodge and council goals and objectives?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Lodge Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Service Project Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Cost: (Not to exceed \$20,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested (Not to exceed \$5,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Explain method of raising funds for service project. Do not place a value on hours contributed.

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Service project has been approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Chief Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Adviser Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scout Executive Date

Provide a short typed description of the service project to be funded, how the project will benefit the council's camp property or service center, and how many people the project will benefit. **Please explain how the service project meets the selection criteria on page 2. (Mandatory - Limit description to a total of 3 pages)**

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