



# Order of the Arrow Innovation Award

## I. Background & Purpose of the Award

Many chapters and lodges develop creative and innovative solutions to challenges they face in implementing their annual program plans. These new ideas often help to strengthen the Order of the Arrow program as well as Scouting. The best ideas spread to other lodges and areas across the country.

The national **Order of the Arrow Innovation Award** seeks to recognize chapters and lodges for their efforts in improving our program and provides a means to chronicle the best ideas, promoting and sharing them nationwide as “best practices.” It recognizes innovation at every level of the organization, and as such, any idea that has been proven to positively impact the chapter, lodge, district, council, or Scouting will be considered.

Additionally, the Innovation Award serves to highlight successful enhancements to the chapter and lodge program and affords a means for fresh ideas to be identified, recognized and replicated elsewhere. By seeking out those that have been especially effective at creating new ways of work, novel solutions to address old problems or new opportunities for service, the national **Order of the Arrow Innovation Award** will provide a platform to enhance and promote the exchange of new ideas across the organization.

## II. Requirements/Criteria for Selection:

To be considered for this award chapters and/or lodges must provide the information requested below and submit this completed petition by December 31st. Limit your total response to one to four pages maximum.

1. *Achieve Order of the Arrow Journey to Excellence Bronze, Silver or Gold level recognition. Summarize your year end JTE results.*
2. *Describe the challenge or opportunity you identified. What was the issue you faced?*
3. *Describe the idea your chapter or lodge implemented to address the challenge or opportunity you identified. What did you do? Who was involved? When and where did this occur? What were the costs?*
4. *What success did your chapter or lodge have with this idea? What was the result? Cite statistics and numbers where applicable. How has this new idea benefited the Order of the Arrow or Scouting?*
5. *What will happen in the future? How do you plan to continue and / or to grow this idea? Explain how the idea will be sustained over time.*

6. *Describe how your idea furthers the mission and purpose of the Order of the Arrow, its members, or the Scouting program in your council.*
7. *Include any support materials you used.*

**\*Please note if boxes are not big enough you may attach separate pieces of paper.**

### **III. Petition/Selection Process:**

To be considered, petitions for the national **Order of the Arrow Innovation Award** are to be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year by scanning and emailing to [Stephanie.Jordan@Scouting.org](mailto:Stephanie.Jordan@Scouting.org), or mailing to: Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. Please limit your petition to one to four pages. Selections will be made by the national Order of the Arrow committee based on the above listed criteria.

### **IV. Award Design/Format:**

Chapters and lodges selected to receive the national **Order of the Arrow Innovation Award** will be recognized as follows:

- A certificate will be presented annually at the National Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, during the four regional luncheons, and a donation will be made to the local council Endowment Trust Fund by the national Order of the Arrow committee, in the name of each chapter or lodge being honored. Each year, two \$1,000 awards will be presented in each region; a total of \$8,000 will be donated annually by the Order of the Arrow to the permanently restricted council endowment funds of recipient chapters and/or lodges.



## ORDER OF THE ARROW INNOVATION AWARD PETITION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE & COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Annually, two chapters and/or lodges in each region that have effectively developed and successfully implemented creative and innovative solutions to challenges faced in carrying out their annual program plans will be recognized with the national **Order of the Arrow Innovation Award**.

To be considered for this award chapters and/or lodges must provide the information requested below and submit this completed petition with the lodge charter renewal application by December 31. Limit your total response to one to four pages.

- 1. Achieve Order of the Arrow Journey to Excellence Bronze, Silver or Gold level recognition. Summarize your year end JTE results including areas you accomplishments and areas to improve upon.**

- 2. Describe the challenge or opportunity you identified. What was the issue you faced?**

- 3. Describe the idea your chapter or lodge implemented to address the challenge or opportunity you identified. What did you do? Who was involved? When and where did this occur? What were the costs?**

**4. What success did your chapter or lodge have with this idea? What was the result? Cite statistics and numbers where applicable. How has this new idea benefited the Order of the Arrow or Scouting?**

**5. What will happen in the future? How do you plan to continue and / or to grow this idea? Explain how the idea will be sustained over time.**

**6. Describe how your idea furthers the mission and purpose of the Order of the Arrow, its members, or the Scouting program in your council.**

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Chapter/Lodge Chief

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Chapter/Lodge Adviser

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Chapter/Lodge Staff Adviser