

UNIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD PETITION

Upon completion, please email completed and signed form to membership@echockotee.org

As the primary platform where the Scouting program is delivered to youth, the unit is the most vital and important level of the BSA for the Order to support.

The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is intended to provide a tool for lodges to recognize, incentivize, and operationalize unit-level participation in Order of the Arrow programs.

The award criteria recognize units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop/Team Representative program. Our hope is that units that complete these criteria will benefit from the support programs that the Order of the Arrow has implemented to strengthen unit-delivered program. Contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser via the lodge website (echockotee.org) if you have any questions.

REQUIREMENTS		
OA Rep Initials	OA Adviser Initials	
		<p>Leadership: Implement the Troop/Team OA Representative and Troop/Team OA Representative Adviser programs in your unit.</p> <p>OA Representative name: _____</p> <p>OA Rep Adviser name: _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop/Team OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.
		<p>Participation: Promote lodge events and provide transportation to all Arrowmen wishing to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 50% of unit OA members attend at least one lodge event not including their Ordeal.
		<p>Elections: Schedule a unit election with the chapter election team annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold an election and have 100% of elected Scouts or Team Members complete their Ordeal.
		<p>Planning: Maintain an active planning process that prevents overlap between lodge and chapter events with unit events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the Echockotee Lodge calendar with the Patrol Leader's Council or Team Leadership during annual troop/team program planning and schedule unit events so that 100% of troop/team programs do not overlap with any full-lodge events.
		<p>Conversion: Demonstrate the depth of your unit's OA program through Brotherhood conversion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 30% of eligible members seal membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.
CERTIFICATION		
<p>_____ has successfully completed the requirements above for the Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award, pending approval from Echockotee Lodge.</p>		
<p>_____ Unit Type and Number</p>		
<p>_____ Senior Patrol Leader</p>	<p>_____ Scoutmaster</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>Contact Phone Number: _____</p>	<p>Contact Email: _____</p>	
LODGE APPROVAL		
<p>_____ has satisfactorily completed the requirements for the Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award.</p>		
<p>_____ Unit Type and Number</p>		
<p>_____ Lodge Designee and Position (Print)</p>	<p>_____ Lodge Designee (Signature)</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>

Please have this form submitted to membership@echockotee.org by December 15, 2017!