

## *Jefferson Davis Leadership Award*



**Purpose:** The *Jefferson Davis Leadership Award* is intended to provide an opportunity for Camps to work with all Texas high schools and colleges, and to recognize worthy students outside of a JROTC or ROTC program. It is also intended to recognize the good citizenship and leadership achievements of Eagle Scouts. While the awards may be given to deserving long-time Eagle Scouts, the primary intent is to present the award at the time a Scout receives his Eagle rank.

**Number of Awards:** One annual award per high school or college, but a Camp may present the award at more than one school in their area. No annual limit on the number of awards to Eagle Scouts.

**Eligibility:** The *Jefferson Davis Leadership Award* should be presented to the student, who in the judgment of that school's senior student advisor (or to an Eagle Scout, who in the judgment of his Scout Master), best emulates the leadership principles, moral character, and dedication to duty that was so superbly personified by Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Home-schooled students, who have demonstrated and documented high level accomplishments in the judgment of the nominating SCV officer, are also qualified to receive the award.

*"Experience ... has taught me that care and toil and disappointments are the price of official elevation. You will have many errors to forgive, many deficiencies to tolerate, but you will not find in me either a want of zeal or fidelity to a cause that has my highest hopes and most enduring affection."*

- CSA President Jefferson Davis, Inaugural Address, Feb. 1861

*"We feel that our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honor and independence; we ask no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the States with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms."*

- CSA President Jefferson Davis

*"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again."*

- Jefferson Davis

**Selection Process:** Brigade and local Camp Commanders will serve as the Points of Contact and liaison with the student advisor or Scout Master within their geographic areas. The Division and Brigade Commanders will address contact with those schools and Boy Scout Troops not served by a local Camp and also resolve responsibilities when an area is served by two or more SCV Camps.

### **Camps wishing to participate in the program should:**

- Contact the SCV Texas Division Leadership Awards "point of contact" to verify that the school (or Eagle Scout) you wish to honor hasn't already been selected by another Camp. .

- Contact the school's senior student advisor (or Scout Master) and tell them that our organization would like to present the SCV Texas Division's *Jefferson Davis Leadership Award* to the student of their choice.
  - Give the student advisor (or Scout Master) a copy of the selection criteria for their review. Ask that they allow at least five weeks from time of nomination to the award presentation date, to allow ample time to create and mail the award.
  - Nominations shall include the recipient's Name (as it is to appear on the certificate),
  - College/High School/Scout Troop (name and city) of the student to be honored,
  - Date of the presentation, and
  - The name and return address of the presenter.
- Forward the award nomination information and fee to the Leadership Awards POC at least five weeks prior to the presentation ceremony.
  - When the presenter receives the certificate, it should be reviewed by the nominating advisor for completeness and accuracy, allowing enough time for any needed corrections.

**Form of Award:** The award consists of a certificate and medal.

**POC and Cost of Award:**

POC: TexDiv Student Award Coordinator (see <http://scvtexas.org/Committees.html>).

There is a \$15.00 fee to cover costs of the medal, certificate and mailing which will be borne by the presenting Camp. Make checks payable to Texas Division SCV in order to consolidate funds and forward as a single check to the TexDiv Student Award Coordinator.

**Presentation:** The award should be presented in an appropriate ceremony by the nominating SCV Camp Commander or a Brigade officer.