Tahosa Lodge Adult Nomination Guide

This document contains information for:

- **Nominating Adults (performed by the unit committee) to be candidates for Order of the Arrow membership**
- **Youth election is handed through a different process. Please refer to "Tahosa Lodge Unit Elections Guide" for this information**

ADULT CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS

Requirements of Candidacy

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates which results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults for consideration as candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

- Note: for adults who were inducted into the Order of the Arrow (i.e., completed their OA Ordeal) as youth members need not be nominated as adults. To re-start their OA membership, they need only pay their annual dues to the lodge and update their contact information.

The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders) provided the individual has served in that capacity for at least the previous 12 months.

For nomination by a unit for adult candidacy to the Order, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members (i.e., 15 days and nights of camping within the last two years, including not more than one long-term BSA approved long-term camp) are fulfilled.
- The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

Approval by the Lodge

Nomination by a unit committee does not establish the acceptance of the individual as a candidate for OA membership. The council Scout Executive reviews all nominations and grants acceptance for those who clearly demonstrate the conditions set forth above.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR ADULTS

Convening a Nominating Committee

The unit should convene an adult committee to consider those adults involved with the unit who clearly demonstrate the commitment, passion, and spirit of service which exemplify the traditions of the Order of the Arrow -brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service – and who meet the conditions set forth in the adult requirements. The committee can establish its own process for selecting individuals, as long as those individuals nominated meet the OA membership requirements set forth above and the number does not exceed one-third the number of youth elected (or one adult if only 1-3 youth are elected), excluding the Unit Leader (i.e., Scoutmaster or Varsity Team Coach) whose nomination does not account against the one-third number.

Nominating the Individual

All adult nominations are completed through an online submission. The form can be found at http://www.tahosalodge.org/openrosters/viewDocLibrary.asp . Nominations for OA membership are to be conducted confidentially without those being considered and/or then nominated aware of the nomination, as as we intend to keep a humble attitude in the process. Under no circumstance should the individual nominated be asked or expected to complete one's own nomination form.

Additionally, please do not communicate anyone's nomination for candidacy as nomination does not mean acceptance. It is best for all involved to not make any announcements that could lead to hurt feelings if an individual is nominated by the unit but not approved for candidacy.

Please ensure that all forms are filled out thoroughly and completely. Accurate dates and locations for camping requirements is a must. Moreover, full, detailed, and rich text is appreciated in the space titled "Reasons for Nomination." Those reviewing the nominations lean heavily on clear and compelling testimonials about the person's worthiness for nomination to the Order of the Arrow.

Nominations must be submitted online by completing the form and emailing it to elections@tahosalodge.org. Remember, completing and submitting the nomination does not establish the acceptance by Tahosa Lodge of the recommended person as a candidate for membership into the Order of the Arrow.

Review of the Nominations

The Lodge Adult Selection Committee is comprised of the Lodge Adviser, the Lodge Unit Elections Advisor, and the Lodge Staff Adviser. All nominations will be reviewed by the committee and, with the approval of the Council Scout Executive (Supreme Chief of the Fire), for those who meet the qualifications are deemed to be people of consistent standards for adult nominations will be approved as candidates for induction.

Adult nominations will be reviewed at the beginning of each quarter of the calendar (i.e., January, April, July, and October). The Lodge's adult selection committee and the Scout Executive approve all nominations for individuals to be considered as candidates for the Order of the Arrow.

Upon approval by the council Scout Executive, those whose nominations were accepted by the lodge will receive a letter from the lodge with pertinent information from the lodge about OA candidacy and what is needed for the individual to complete one's Ordeal. A copy of the letter will be mailed to the person who submitted the nomination.

As with youth candidates, adults approved for candidacy have one year from the date of lodge approval to complete their Ordeal. If they do not do so within the year, they will need to be both nominated by the unit and then approved by the lodge to once again be a candidate for the Order of the Arrow.