BSA Orange County Council, California - Promoting Venturing Advancement -

**Reviewed: February 20XX**

**Venturing Gold Award**

Letter Of Recommendation

Confidential Recommendation Statement

Example Form

(Based on the BSA Eagle Rank Letter)

Approved in 2007 By:

Venturing Executive Adult Officer Committee

BSA Orange County Council, California

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For

BSA Orange County Council Venturing

**Orange County Council**

**Boy Scouts of America**

Dear Friend of Scouting:

The young adult, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is

Candidate’s Full Name Candidate’s Phone

a candidate for the Venturing Gold Award. This reference is required as a part of his/her application process.

Your **confidential** reference is a valuable tool for the Gold Award Board of Review to determine whether the candidate meets the requirements for this prestigious rank award.

The attached “Confidential Appraisal” should be returned directly to the Crew/Ship Advisor or alternate as listed below. Do **NOT** return it to the candidate, or the council office.

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If you would like to contribute, your prompt response will be appreciated.

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL

Venturing Advancement Chairman

See Attachment

BSA Orange County

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**Recommendation Statement**

**For The Venturing Gold Award**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, of Crew\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate’s Name Candidate’s Phone Number

is a candidate for the Venturing Gold Award. One of the important requirements for achieving this prestigious award is the confidential appraisal of an adult religious leader, an adult educator, and an adult friend. Your frank assessment of the applicant will help the Venturing Gold Award Board of Review Committee. This board will determine whether to recommend his/her advancement for that award. If you do not know him/her well enough to provide a fair judgment, please ask the youth to invite another person to complete the reference. Your comments on this form will be held in the strictest confidence. Please feel free to attach any additional pages you need for these statements.

1. How long have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the nature of your relationship? Religious leader/Teacher/Neighbor/Friend?

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What has been your recent average weekly contact with the youth (in hours)?\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Is the youth a good leader? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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On what do you base this response?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What are his/her outstanding qualities? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Please rate him/her on the following Scouting qualities using the following scale: **exceptional,** **good, fair, or poor**. If you cannot answer any one of the qualities, please note your reason.Leave **blank** if you have no knowledge relating to a specific item.

Duty to God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A Venturer is reverent toward God, is faithful to his/her

religious duties, and respects the religious convictions of others.

Community Service \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He/she is a good citizen and does not shrink

Citizenship his/her civic duties.

 Helpful to Others\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He/She must be prepared to help others at all times and

under any circumstances.

Honor / Trustworthy

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A Venturer’s honor is to be trusted. He/She violates his/her honor if he/she cheats, lies, or does anything that is dishonest.

Fairness

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AVenturer is fair in his/her dealings with others.

1. Please add any comments you feel might be helpful to the Board of Review for this candidate.

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Please Circle one - as applicable (must be over 21 years of age):

Religious Leader Community Leader

Educator

Neighbor

Friend

Employer

Acquaintance

Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable)

Church Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please do not return this to the candidate!**

**Return this Statement to the Crew Advisor in the enclosed envelope.**

**Venturing Oath:**

As a Venturer,

I promise to do my duty to God

And help strengthen America,

To help others, and

To seek truth, fairness,

And adventure

In our world.

Venturing is a Boy Scouts of America program for boys and girls ages 14 through 20.