Distinguished Conservation Service Award

BSA has a new flagship conservation award for youth: the Distinguished Conservation Service Award.

There are requirements available for both Scouts BSA youth and Venturers, with the core requirement being to lead two service projects in different areas of conservation. These conservation projects are to be on the scale and scope of Eagle Scout projects, and there is a workbook available. Projects will require approval from the Conservation Committee, and applicants will sit for a Board of Review with the Conservation Committee once the projects and other requirements are complete.

The Distinguished Conservation Service Award replaces the old Hornaday awards program, which was retired in October. Youth who are currently working on their third or fourth project for the Hornaday Bronze or Silver medal will have until June 2021 to complete their projects and submit the application to the Conservation Committee.

If you have youth who are interested in beginning to work on projects for the Distinguished Conservation Service Award, or if you have youth who are finishing projects for the old Hornaday medals, please contact Chris Castillo (christopher.w.castillo@gmail.com), Conservation Committee Chair for guidance on selecting an advisor for the youth.

Requirements, the Distinguished Conservation Service Award project workbook, and additional information are online HERE.