

Criteria for Golden Halo

- **The Golden Halo**

This award is similar to the “Hall of Fame” Award. It was created to recognize certain individuals who have been especially active in the Good Sam Club in New Mexico.

- **Award Committee**

The Award Committee consists of three (3) members. One Chairperson and two (2) committee members. That committee will be appointed by the State Director and will review all nominations to ensure compliance with the following criteria. Their decision will be reported, within the time frame noted in the “Nomination Award” paragraph, to the Award Chairman, who notifies the State Director.

- **Nomination for the Award**

An outstanding candidate can only be recognized when a member of any state chapter, not the nominee, takes the time and effort to write a letter of nomination and forwards it to the chairman of the Golden Halo Committee. This member must have first-hand knowledge of the activities of the nominee. Certain criteria must be part of the nomination letter. (See Nomination Criteria)

A copy of the letter will also go the State Director, the nominee’s Chapter President, and if from a different Chapter, the nominator’s Chapter President. The candidates Chapter President has the responsibility of verifying actuality of content. If discrepancies occur, the Chapter President will notify the Chairman of the Golden Halo Committee by telephone with a written follow-up (may be electronic). If the nominee is a current Chapter President, the Vice President will verify the actuality of content. **All communications shall be held in confidence.**

The letter of recommendation must be submitted to the Chairman seventy-five (75) days prior to the New Mexico State Rally. The Chairman will acknowledge receipt of all recommendations. The Chairman will submit the nominations to the Committee Members, who will return their decision within twenty (20) day of receipt.

- **Eligibility/Membership**

The Golden Halo Award can be made to include a single or couple “membership”. Membership includes Husband and Wife or Single member. If nomination is for a couple membership and one spouse is deceased, the “Award Plaque” will reflect both names.

- **Point System**

A point system has been determined to assist in determining the eligibility of candidates and Chapter activities. Each nominee’s activities must be listed with approximate year and associated points identified. A minimum of thirty-one (31) points for a couple and sixteen (16) for a single nominee. Points must be accumulated for a couple as follows:

- **Nomination/Point Criteria**

Nominee(s) must be a member of a New Mexico Good Sam Chapter for a minimum of six (6) continuous years in one or more Chapters.

One (1) point will be awarded for each year the nominee served as an officer, a committee chairman or active committee member at the Chapter level.

One (1) point will be awarded for each new member the nominee brings into his or her Chapter.

Three (3) points will be awarded for each two (2) year term as State Director.

Two (2) points will be awarded for each two (2) year term as State Staff.

One (1) point will be awarded for a nominee serving as a chairman on a committee appointed by the State Director.

One (1) point will be awarded to the chairman and active members who work on the preparation of each State Newsletter (Gazette).

One (1) point will be awarded for the nominee who has served in an official capacity at the Rally – workshops or demonstrations, chairman of a game, seminar presenter, computer work, registration desk, judging, etc.

Two (2) points will be awarded for a nominee for each activity in the following areas:

- Charities – Nominee assisted in the collection of items or funds or other activities for any non-profit organization. Be sure to list the organization, service and year.
- State or Federal – Nominee has assisted with fund raising or maintenance at any federal, NM state or local facility for any type of recreation. Be sure to list the facility, service and year.
- Any other volunteer activities – Nominee has participated in other Good Sam activities such as:
 - Promoting State Parks in Legislature. List dates and Location.
 - Nominee has assisted with the Special Olympics. List dates.
 - Organize a Chapter tour
 - Volunteer at a school – reading, spelling, etc

- **Award Ceremony**

The ceremony will be held at the Wednesday evening ceremonies during the New Mexico Good Sam Fall Rally by the

State Director, assisted by the Committee Chairman. The recipient shall be presented the Golden Halo Award, consisting of a plaque, engraved name tag and a copy of the nominating letter.

The recipient will also receive a luncheon that will include only Golden Halo members.

All approved original nomination letters will be submitted to the State Historian to be recorded.

- **Disapproved Nominations**

Within ten (10) days following the Award Ceremony, the Committee Chairman will return all nominations not being awarded to the nominator for possible resubmission.

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