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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIFESAVING or MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARD

(Review the procedure on the back page.)

Learning for Life Office: Name _____, No. _____, Region _____
 City _____ State _____ has interviewed
 Name _____ Age at time of action _____
 Parent's name _____ Phone number _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The candidate is a participant in Learning for Life Post No. _____
 Participating organization _____
 Of City _____ State _____

Upon consideration of the evidence submitted from all sources, as set forth in this application, we respectfully recommend that the National Learning for Life grant the award checked below. Note: If the action being considered is deserving of merit but does not qualify for a national award, do not submit this form. You may want to write a letter conveying the commendation of the committee or other suitable recognition.

LIFESAVING AWARD These awards recognize the attempts to save life.

HONOR PLAQUE. Has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at considerable or extreme risk to self.

MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARD. This award recognizes notable acts of service that need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but put into practice skills and/or ideals.

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT. Has performed a significant act of services that is deserving of special national recognition.

DEFINITIONS

HEROISM. Conduct exhibiting courage, daring, skill, and self-sacrifice.

SKILL. The ability to use one's knowledge effectively in execution or performance. Special attention is given to skills learned as a Learning for Life participant.

PERSONAL SIGNATURES, LOCAL LEARNING FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

(At least three signatures are required.)

 (Chairman) _____

I certify that the individual recommended for recognition was a participant of Learning for Life at the time of the action described herein and that **the procedure outlined on the back of this form has been followed.**

Attest _____ (Date)
 (Learning for Life executive)

REQUIRED DATA FOR ALL CASES

Name of individual recommended for recognition _____

Age at time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Name of rescued person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Age at time of action _____ Approximate height _____ Approximate weight _____

Name and location of place where action occurred _____

Date and time of incident: Date _____ Time _____

Enclosed are the following personally prepared and **signed** statements, which are **required for all cases**: (Type all handwritten statements and staple to originals.)

- Personally prepared and **signed** statement by person performing action, describing the incident.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by the rescued person, if any.
- Personally prepared and signed statement by each witness, describing the action as he or she recalls the details. Include name, address, and phone number of all witnesses.
- Glossy photo of the individual who made the rescue (5" x 7" desired.)
- Letter explaining the delay in submitting this recommendation. (Required only if this recommendation will arrive at the National Learning for Life office more than six months after the date of the action. It should be signed by the Learning for Life executive.

LIFESAVING AND MERITORIOUS ACTION AWARDS

Lifesaving Awards. Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader of Learning for Life where the evidence presented to the National Learning for Life office, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that he or she saved or attempted to save life under circumstances which indicate heroism and risk to self. Learning for Life will give consideration to resourcefulness and to demonstrated skill in rescue methods. In no case shall recognition be given where it appears that the risk involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation because of responsibility to supervise and give leadership to the persons whose lives were saved. The awards are:

- a) **Honor Plaque.** The Honor Plaque may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth or adult participant who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at considerable or extreme risk to self.

Meritorious Action Award. Recognition may be given to a youth or adult participant where the evidence presented to the National Learning for Life office, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that a significant or outstanding act of service, *of an exceptional character*, was performed. The action taken need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self but must put into practice skills and/or ideals in Learning for Life. Recognition shall not be given where it appears that the action involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation. The award is:

- a) **National Certificate of Merit.** The National Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a youth or adult participant who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition.

All applications should be submitted to the National Learning for Life office through the local Learning for Life office upon duly prescribed forms, and it shall be within the discretion of the National Learning for Life office to determine which type of recognition, if any, shall be given. Recipients of these awards must be participants of Learning for Life at the time the action was performed. Awards are made in the name of the Learning for Life.