

Qualify for Free Rank Insignia in 2021

The Northern Lights Council is pleased to offer Packs and Troops the opportunity to earn free rank insignia through March 31, 2022. Qualifying units will receive free rank insignia each time a Scout advances in rank. This offer is made possible by the annual Friends of Scouting campaign and council product sale. To qualify for free rank insignias a unit must meet each of the following requirements:

1. **Participate in Popcorn Sale** – the unit must participate in the council sponsored 2020 *Popcorn* sale with a minimum of \$500 in total sales.
2. **Journey to Excellence** – Units must achieve at least “Bronze” level recognition in Scouting's *Journey to Excellence* in 2020. This may be adapted as Journey to Excellence in 2020 are modified.
 - The Journey to Excellence unit scorecard must be completed, signed and submitted.
3. **On-time Charter Renewal** – To be considered “on-time” the charter renewal paperwork must be:
 - In the service center, with fees paid, error-free and ready to process by the final deadline (no missing signatures, required applications, Youth Protection training certificates, etc.) – defective paperwork will not be counted as on-time.

Charters that <u>expire on</u>:	*Due to commissioner:	Final Deadline (in Service Center)
December 31, 2020	November 24, 2020	December 11, 2020
January 31, 2021	December 18, 2020	January 15, 2021
February 28, 2021	January 29, 2021	February 12, 2021

**The initial due dates will allow unit leaders to work with a commissioner in addressing any corrective actions that need to be taken so the charter can be turned in to the Council Service Center by the Final deadline.*

4. **Friends of Scouting** – Unit must attain 2021 *Friends of Scouting* goal.
 - Presentations should be held between November 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021
 - The minimum goal is determined by:
 - Number of registered youths listed on charter renewal paperwork x \$40

The unit may begin taking advantage of the Free Rank Insignia program as soon as all four requirements have been met.

Once a unit qualifies, they will receive free rank advancements through March 31, 2022.

The attached form should be submitted once all four requirements have been met (not before).

Free Rank Insignia Form - 2021

District _____

Unit Type _____ (Pack or Troop)

Unit Number _____

Requirements:

Sell at least \$500 in the 2020 Popcorn Sale

Total Sales _____

Achieve "Bronze" or higher in 2020 JTE

Level _____

- o Turned in with charter renewal paperwork

Charter Renewal paperwork on-time

Date Received _____

- o Depending upon expiration month, deadlines are 12/11/20, 1/15/21 or 2/12/21

2021 Unit FOS goal attained (youth x \$40)

Goal _____

- o Presentations held between 11/1/20 and 3/31/21

Actual Pledges _____

For council use only:

The information listed above was verified by

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

A copy of this form must be submitted to the Director of Field Service.