



## Old North State Council Procedures for Nova/Supernova Award Approvals

### Nova Awards

1. The Scout locates a registered Nova Counselor or, a leader in the Scout's unit registers as a Nova Counselor. (*Note: Scouts cannot begin work on Nova Award requirements before locating a counselor.*)
2. The counselor guides the Scout through the Nova award requirements using the Nova Awards Guidebook and appropriate Nova Award workbook (optional).
3. When the Scout completes all the requirements for the Nova Award he/she is working on with final approval from the Nova Counselor, the unit leader submits a Unit Advancement Report (No. 34403) to the Scout Shop where the appropriate recognition materials can be purchased.
  - a. For the first Nova Award, the Nova patch is awarded. For subsequent awards, Pi symbol pins are awarded that are to be placed on the east, south, and west corners of the Nova patch. Cub Scouts earn the patch with the blue border, Boy Scouts earn the patch with the red border, and Venturers earn the patch with the green border.
4. Nova awards should be presented at an appropriate time like a well-attended pack, troop, or crew meeting.

### Supernova Awards (all except the Dr. Albert Einstein award)

1. The Scout locates a registered and council-approved Supernova Mentor or another qualified adult who can apply and be approved to be a Supernova Mentor. (*Note: Scouts cannot begin work on Supernova award requirements before locating an approved mentor.*)
2. Using the appropriate Supernova Award workbook (optional), the Supernova Mentor guides the Scout through the award requirements.
3. Once the Scout completes all requirements for the Supernova Award, the Supernova Mentor submits the Supernova Award workbook and appropriate Supernova Award application to the Old North State Council, Attention: Colin Lemon.
4. The STEM Committee will review the application.

- a. If the application is not approved, the Supernova Mentor will be contacted for suggestions that will lead to approval.
  - b. If the application is approved, the STEM Committee will notify the Old North State Council Scout Shop of the award's approval and the Supernova Mentor will be notified that the award can now be ordered through the Scout Shop. *It is the responsibility of the Supernova Mentor or unit leader to order/purchase the Supernova award recognition materials.*
5. Supernova awards should be presented at a fitting ceremony like a Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor.

### **Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Award**

1. The Scout locates a registered and council-approved Supernova Mentor or another qualified adult who can apply and be approved to be a Supernova Mentor. (*Note: Scouts cannot begin work on Supernova award requirements before locating an approved mentor.*)
2. Using the appropriate Supernova Award workbook (optional), the Supernova Mentor guides the Scout through the award requirements.
3. Once the Scout completes requirements 1-4, the Supernova Mentor contacts Colin Lemon at the Old North State Council to set up a time when the Scout can present his written and oral report to the council STEM Committee, as stated in requirement #4.
4. The Scout brings the completed workbook and Supernova Award application to the presentation.
5. If the STEM Committee does not approve the written and/or oral report, suggestions will be made for improvement and another presentation date will be scheduled.
6. If the STEM Committee approves the written and oral report, the application and workbook will be signed and forwarded to the National STEM Committee for approval.
7. Upon notification from the National STEM Committee that the award has been approved, the National STEM Committee will send the certificate and Einstein Supernova Award medal to the Scout office at no cost to the recipient.
8. The Dr. Albert Einstein Supernova Award is a significant achievement requiring hard work and effort at least equivalent to the Eagle Scout award. It should be presented at a special ceremony dedicated to the Einstein Supernova award alone.

For questions or to submit Supernova Award applications, contact Colin Lemon at [colin.lemon@scouting.org](mailto:colin.lemon@scouting.org)