

# **Religious Emblems Programs**

**Boy Scouts of America**

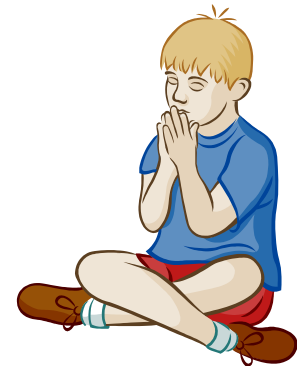
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# A Scout is Reverent



- A Scout is reverent toward God.
- He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.



# What are the religious emblems programs?

- Programs created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith.
- The religious groups—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblems programs themselves.



# Faiths with Religious Awards

[African Methodist Episcopal Church](#)

[African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church](#)

[Anglican Catholic Church](#)

[Armenian Apostolic Church of America](#)

[Armenian Church of America \(Eastern Diocese\)](#)

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[Baptist](#)

[Buddhist](#)

[Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#)

[Christian Methodist Episcopal Church](#)

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[Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)

[Churches of Christ](#)

[Community of Christ](#)

[Eastern Catholic](#)

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[Episcopal](#)

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[Islamic](#)

[Jewish](#)

[Lutheran](#)

[Meher Baba](#)

[Moravian](#)

[National Association of Anglican and Traditional Catholic  
Scouters](#)

[Polish National Catholic Church](#)

[Presbyterian Church in America](#)

[Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

[Protestant and Independent Christian Churches –](#)

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[Religious Society of Friends \(Quakers\)](#)

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[The Salvation Army](#)

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# Religious Emblem Square Knot



**The Religious Emblem Square Knot may be worn on the uniform over the left pocket by youth or adults who earned any of the religious awards.**

# How to Get Started

- 1. Obtain the specific booklet for your religion or faith.**  
(Available at the Council store or from your religious organization.)
- 2. Review the program guidelines**
  - Do you have to be a member of the religion?
  - Who can be the counselor?
  - Are there age requirements?
- 3. Contact your religious leader** (for example: Pastor, minister, priest, rabbi, and so forth) **to share the booklet before beginning the program.**
- 4. Complete the requirements, obtain proper signatures, and follow instructions to order the emblem.**
  - Emblems not available at Council store
  - Emblem presented in a ceremony (usually at religious institution)

# FAQs

- **Why doesn't my religious institution know about the religious emblems programs?**

Although the religious bodies at the national level created the religious emblems programs, the local religious institution may not be aware of these programs. It may be helpful to write for more information or even obtain a copy of the curriculum to give to your religious leader.

- **Do you have to belong to a religious institution?**

It depends on the religion. Please check the eligibility requirements for your particular religious program.

- **How long does it take to complete a program?**

It depends on the program. Some programs may take three or four months, others longer.

- **If the religious emblems program for my faith has more than one level (for the different grade levels), can I earn all of these recognitions?**

Yes. Members can earn all levels of their religious emblems program. However, they must be in the appropriate program guidelines when they start and complete each level (they may not go backward and earn younger programs).

- **Where is the emblem worn on the uniform?**

The universal religious square knot is worn over the left shirt pocket of the Scout uniform. The medallion is pinned over the square knot for full uniform occasions.

# Reference

For more information on the Religious Emblems Programs available to members of the Boy Scouts of America, go to

<http://www.scouting.org/applications/religiousawards.aspx>

OR

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/religious.asp>



# Any Questions?

