

The SURGE Recognition Device



The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order's first purpose is to recognize those Scouts who are chosen by their peers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life. Through this recognition, the Order causes others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.

SURGE stands for Supporting Units through Really Great Elections. The SURGE initiative was developed by Section W-2W that includes lodges in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. SURGE is designed for outreach to units that are chartered to wards of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints. The SURGE team provides best practices for Lodges that want to develop relationships with their LDS units, have more LDS unit elections and increase the number of LDS Scouts that have an opportunity to participate in the Order of the Arrow. Information on SURGE and an LDS unit election video are available at <http://western.oa-bsa.org/surge/>.

The SURGE recognition device for Arrowmen is intended to increase the number of LDS Units that have Order of the Arrow elections allowing LDS Scouts to be elected and complete the induction process becoming lifetime members of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.

The LDS-BSA Relationships Office of the Boy Scouts of America in cooperation with the Order of the Arrow Western Region Committee and the SURGE Team will proudly provide the SURGE Recognition Device to Arrowmen who complete the requirements.

There are two ways to earn the SURGE recognition device.

The first way is to be elected by your LDS unit. You must complete the induction process and become an Ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow.

The second way to earn this recognition device is for any Arrowman. As a youth member of an election team you must conduct one or more unit elections in LDS units and have five or more of those Scouts who were elected successfully inducted becoming Ordeal members of the Order of the Arrow.

In units where at least one Scout is elected, the unit may recommend qualified adults, including the Scoutmaster. Adult Arrowmen who want to earn the SURGE recognition device must help conduct one or more unit elections in LDS units where Scouts are elected and adults are nominated. Three or more of those adults nominated must be successfully inducted becoming Ordeal members of the Order of the Arrow.

Youth Arrowmen are expected to encourage and communicate with the youth that are elected and adult Arrowmen with the adults that are nominated until they have completed the induction process.

This recognition will be available for elections and inductions during 2018 and 2019. All requests to receive the recognition must be submitted by March 1, 2020.

The Guide to Unit Elections is available to download at <https://oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#gte>.

The SURGE recognition device for Arrowmen is provided by the LDS-BSA Relationships Office in Salt Lake City, UT. Visit us on the web at www.ldsbsa.org.

For information about the LDS OA SURGE recognition device or the SURGE initiative visit our SURGE web site at <http://western.oa-bsa.org/surge> or email surge@oa-bsa.org.