



WHAT IS THE FRETWELL AWARD?

The Elbert K. Fretwell Award was developed to recognize the valuable contributions the educator community makes in the lives of young people. Teachers, coaches, administrators, custodians, cafeteria workers, and many others can have a profound impact on preparing youth to become better citizens and leaders. These educators understand that 'Scouting' values can also make excellent 'teaching' values.

Elbert Kirtley Fretwell, Ph. D. (1878-1962)

Professor Fretwell was an American academic and early leader in the field of youth development through recreation and extracurricular activity. Upon the retirement of Dr. James E. West in 1943, Dr. Fretwell was appointed Chief Scout Executive and served until his retirement in 1948. He was the first Chief Scout Executive appointed to the position who was not previously a professional staff member of the BSA. Upon his retirement from the BSA, Dr. Fretwell was bestowed the title of Chief Scout. Born in rural Lewis County, Missouri in 1878, E.K. Fretwell grew into a man of varied talents and varied interests. As a boy, he used his time plowing to focus on his reading and recall. With two books in the family home—the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress—he would place one of the books at the end of a row. He would plow several more rows, and while the horses were resting, he would review what he had read to work on improving his memory. Eventually he received his undergraduate degree from LaGrange College in LaGrange, Missouri, where he was noted as both a brilliant scholar and the best singer in the college glee club. Upon college graduation, he joined the faculty, teaching English literature and serving also as the Lewis County, Missouri, commissioner of schools. He continued his education at Brown University, acquiring an MA degree, and continued his affiliation with singing through Brown's glee club. He engaged in further study at the University of Chicago and two additional years spent in Europe, studying both music and English during his travels and during his enrollment at Heidelberg University and the University of Dijon.

The recipient will be honored by receiving the BSA Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award Medal



Please complete the official nominating form and print legibly.

Name (Last, First, MI)

Email Address

Name of School

Position of Nominee

School Administrator

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Your Contact Information:

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I am a (choose one):

☐ Student ☐ Parent ☐ Colleague ☐ Administrator



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“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes...” Educators are essential to this mission. A teacher, staff member, or administrator from your school may be honored for being a great example to students and teaching students to make good choices. Please tell us how this teacher, staff member, or administrator prepares students to make ethical and moral choices. Be as specific as you can :

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