

## **Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award**

Do you know an educator who stands out for instilling Scouting values in their students? SDIC would like to recognize them for their efforts to guide students in ways that promote Scouting's mission via the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Education Award.

Dr. Fretwell was a professor of education at Columbia University and the second Chief Scout Executive of the BSA. Dr. Fretwell championed Scouting programs as extracurricular learning opportunities that promoted positive values and community service.

The Fretwell Award is presented to people who make their students better people by modeling and teaching Scouting values. The Fretwell Award is not exclusively for classroom teachers. Any school employee who is equipping students to make moral and ethical choices is eligible for this award. This could be a teacher, administrator, coach, custodian, cafeteria worker, attendance clerk, resource officer, teacher's aide, or any number of others. This award recognizes what a person does for students in their professional role within education and not for what the person does directly for Scouting.

In this exceptionally difficult year for our schools, what a great way to recognize those who have helped keep us going in the right direction. Nominations for this award can be made by anyone – students, Scouts, parents, teachers, principals, or Scouters. The nomination form is available from your Zone Commissioner or from Dick Kelly ([rtkelly.home@gmail.com](mailto:rtkelly.home@gmail.com)). Nominations may be submitted to Dick Kelly or to the SDIC Service Center at any time throughout the year.