

NCAC
Duke of Edinburgh
Adult Leader Intro

September 5, 2024

Overview

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Duke of Edinburgh Award



- **Who:** The age range for the award is 14-25, and can be worked on concurrently with Scouting, however, there is no grandfathering. Adults working on this award with youth must be YPT trained
- **What:** Internationally recognized award that has four components (voluntary service, skill, physical recreation, and an adventurous journey). Three award levels: gold, silver, and bronze. Cost is \$100-150 per Scout per award level selected. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.
- **Why:** This awards provides another opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate leadership, character, service, and outdoorsmanship. Previously the British Ambassador to the US presented the awards
- **When:** The time commitment depending on the award level varies from 6 to 12-15 mos.
- **Amplification:**
 - NCAC applied to be an award center, application processing
 - 2x NCAC trainers / administrators: Jay Eidson and Mike Healy
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DoE Bronze Award



- **Age: 14+**
- **Male / Female**
- **Cost: \$100 per participant (one time fee)**
 - Financial assistance is available
- **Requirements: 6 months total**
 - **Voluntary Service (3 Mos): Make a positive contribution to society**
 - Ex. Community service, environmental work, charity, emergency service work
 - **Physical Recreation (3 Mos): improve fitness, pursue healthy lifestyle**
 - Ex. Team / individual sports (rec / school-based)
 - **Skills (3 Mos): Develop talents, broaden abilities (Must be different than physical rec and voluntary service)**
 - Ex. Music, arts, sports, communication
 - **Adventurous Journey (2 Days / 1 Night): Spirit of adventure, gain a deeper understanding of the great outdoors**
 - Need a team goal; daily activity time of 6 hrs
 - Teams of 4-7
 - 3 parts: Training and Preparation, Practice Journey (at least one day / one night), Qualifying Journey
 - Ex. Hiking, Bike packing, canoeing, etc.
 - Write and submit report
 - **Select activities and measurable goals**
 - **Need an assessor for each activity (independent expert)**
 - **Complete activities for a minimum of 1 hour per week on average**
 - **Log activities on online record book**

DoE Silver Award

- **Age: 15+**
- **Male / Female**
- **Cost: \$125 per participant (one time fee)**
 - Financial assistance is available
- **Requirements: 12 months total**
 - **Voluntary Service (6 Mos): Make a positive contribution to society**
 - Ex. Community service, environmental work, charity, emergency service work
 - **Physical Recreation (6 Mos): improve fitness, pursue healthy lifestyle**
 - Ex. Team / individual sports (rec / school-based)
 - **Skills (6 Mos): Develop talents, broaden abilities (Must be different than physical rec and voluntary service)**
 - Ex. Music, arts, sports, communication
 - **Adventurous Journey (3 Days / 2 Night): Spirit of adventure, gain a deeper understanding of the great outdoors**
 - Need a team goal; daily activity time of 7 hrs
 - Teams of 4-7
 - 3 parts: Training and Preparation, Practice Journey (at least one day / one night), Qualifying Journey
 - Ex. Hiking, Bike packing, canoeing, etc.
 - Write and submit report
 - *** Plus an additional 6 months of a major section if Bronze Award not completed**
 - **Select activities and measurable goals**
 - **Need an assessor for each activity (independent expert)**
 - **Complete activities for a minimum of 1 hour per week on average**
 - **Log activities on online record book**



DoE Gold Award



- **Age: 16+**
- **Male / Female**
- **Cost: \$150 per participant (one time fee)**
 - Financial assistance is available
- **Requirements: 18 months total**
 - **Voluntary Service (12 Mos): Make a positive contribution to society**
 - Ex. Community service, environmental work, charity, emergency service work
 - **Physical Recreation (12 Mos): improve fitness, pursue healthy lifestyle**
 - Ex. Team / individual sports (rec / school-based)
 - **Skills (12 Mos): Develop talents, broaden abilities (Must be different than physical rec and voluntary service)**
 - Ex. Music, arts, sports, communication
 - **Adventurous Journey (4 Days / 3 Night): Spirit of adventure, gain a deeper understanding of the great outdoors**
 - Need a team goal; daily activity time of 8 hrs
 - Teams of 4-7
 - 3 parts: Training and Preparation, Practice Journey (at least one day / one night), Qualifying Journey
 - Ex. Hiking, Bike packing, canoeing, etc.
 - Write and submit report
 - *** Plus an additional 6 months of a major section if Bronze Award not completed**
 - **Select activities and measurable goals**
 - **Need an assessor for each activity (independent expert)**
 - **Complete activities for a minimum of 1 hour per week on average**
 - **Log activities on online record book**

DoE Gold Award – Gold Project



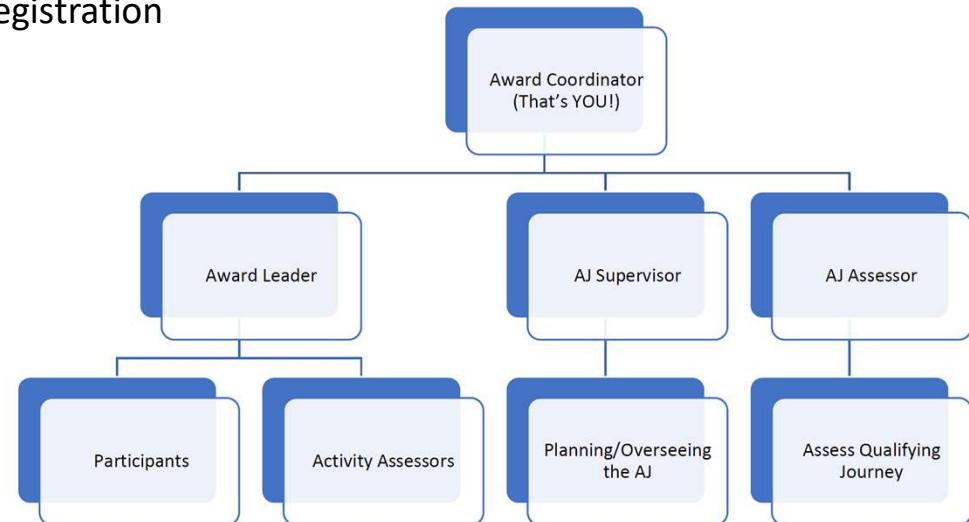
- 5 Days / 4 Nights
- Work with people from different backgrounds
- Build confidence in new environments
- Choose a unique project in a residential setting (doesn't include everyday peer group)
- Examples:
 - Whitewater rafting (or Northern Tier / Sea Base?)
 - Historic Reenactment (1st Virginia Regiment at Mount Vernon?)
 - Building new hiking trails (Philmont?)
 - Leader at children's camp (staff at Scout camp? Staff at National and/or World Jambo?)
 - Learning a new language at a foreign language immersion camp
 - Attending a conference as a youth representative (NOAC?)



Roles and Responsibilities



- **Award Coordinator:** Manages the delivery of the award within org. Main contact between Award USA and Award Center
- **Award Leader:** Work directly with youth. Sign off on completion of activities.
- **AJ Supervisor:** Communication focal point. Ensures safety of participants. Ensures AJ meets requirements
- **AJ Assessor:** Ensures AJ conditions have been fulfilled by each team. Advises teams. Provides feedback to teams
- **Activity Assessor:** Adult volunteer, experienced / knowledgeable in activity. Approve progress
- **Adventurous Journey (Adults):** experience / training / registration
- **Scouts: participants**



Cohort Specifics



- **September:**
 - 12 Sep / 1900-1940: Scout Intro Session / Q&A Session:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82856491151?pwd=TY3UaKsla4nmzNfQuiJTrEz05An4oV.1>
 - 26 Sep: Cohort Start / 1900-1940:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83471906266?pwd=1onen6b3uVZCOLX6lQbHhCxv7SWB8s.1>
- **TBD:**
 - Progress checks with Award Coordinators?
 - Midpoint check-in with Award Coordinators?
 - Final session / Q&A with Award Coordinators?
- **Apr / May / June**
 - Award completion
 - Paperwork submission
 - Award presentation

Questions?

More Info

[International Committee – National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](http://ncacbsa.org)

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