

SCOUTING AMERICA
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Fact Sheet
NCAC Duke of Edinburgh Award

WHAT: The Duke of Edinburgh award is an internationally recognized award initially started and sponsored by the late Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip. The Award was first launched in The UK in 1956 to motivate young people to become involved in a balanced program of voluntary self-development activities. The award is still active and has four components including voluntary service, skill, physical recreation, and an adventurous journey. These components have different requirements under three award levels: gold, silver, and bronze.

Example: This is just an example, not “the” solution. A Life Scout who is 16 years old can use their Eagle Scout project to count toward their voluntary service or toward their Gold award project (in this case, they would need additional volunteer hours / project for voluntary service). If they plan to attend high adventure (Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, etc.), this will count toward their Adventurous Journey. The Scout is active on the high school track team (physical recreation) and is working on earning their private pilot’s license (skill). Based on this broad outline, and after the Scout meets all the requirements and time commitment for the components and award level, they would earn the award.

More information about the program can be found here: <https://usaward.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheAwardUSA>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theawardusa/>
Twitter: @TheAwardUSA

WHO: The age range for the award is 14-25, and can be worked on concurrently with Scouting, however, there is no grandfathering. This award is available to both males and females, youth and adults. Adults who are working with youth on this award (but not working on this award themselves) must be youth protection trained.

WHEN: The time commitment depending on the award level varies from 6 to 12-15 mos.

WHY: This awards provides another opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate leadership, character, service, and outdoorsmanship. It is one of the top awards for international Scouting and is easily recognized at international Scouting events. Previous awardees in the Washington, DC, area were honored at a ceremony with the British Ambassador to the US! The award is kind of a big deal and cool!

HOW MUCH: Cost is \$100-150 per Scout per award level selected. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

HOW TO GET STARTED: Please complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JW7QN5V>

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