



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Boy Scouts of America – Pilot Program



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Boy Scouts of America have joined forces to expand the internationally renowned DofE Award into the world of Scouting. This year, the BSA national office launched the pilot program in five councils nationwide: Baden-Powell, Circle 10, Los Angeles Area, National Capital Area, and Yocona.

Founded in 1956 in the UK by Her Majesty The Queen's husband, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a non-competitive, self-development program for youth ages 14 to 25. Dedicated to achievement in community service, physical fitness, special skills, and adventurous journey, the Award aims to build self-esteem and promote character development within every participant.

The Award is an exciting, non-competitive experience that cultivates and instills confidence and self-worth within every participant. Through its proven and trusted quality framework, participants enjoy an unparalleled experience that hones their talents and skills and instills within them a crucial sense of belonging and achievement.

Over 7 million people have received the Duke of Edinburgh's Award since its inception. The Award's fundamental philosophy and Four Tenet operational format have proved resilient, attractive, and adaptable to many cultures, languages, and environments, and it remains as relevant today as ever before, experiencing record levels of interest annually. Last year, more than 140,000 participants from around the world earned a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award.

"We are thrilled by the new collaboration between the Boy Scouts of America and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, said Alf Tuggle, assistant Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. "The aligned interests and shared goals between the two organizations create an incredible momentum to serve our nation's young people. The BSA looks forward to a long and engaging history with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award."



"As the 2009 Distinguished Eagle Scout and as President of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, I believe strongly in this collaboration and what it means to youth across our country. Self-esteem is missing in most young people's lives today, but the DofE Award and the BSA help build their self-esteem. This program is a must for all Scouts." – Sam Haskell, III

Requirements

	Physical Fitness	Skills	Service	Plus...	Adventurous
Journey					
Bronze	3 months	3 months	3 months	All participants must do an extra 3 months in either Physical Fitness or Skills or Service	2 days + 1 night
Silver	6 months	6 months	6 months	Non-Bronze holders must do an extra 6 months in either Physical Fitness or Skills or Service	3 days + 2 nights
Gold*	12 months	12 months	12 months	Non-Silver holders must do an extra 6 months in either Physical Fitness or Skills or Service	4 days + 3 nights

*Plus Gold applicants must complete an additional requirement of a 5 day / 4 night Gold Residential Project

Participants must spend at least **1 hour per week** on each of their chosen activities.

The core requirements of fitness, skills, and service listed below should be completed **simultaneously** at each Award level.

Participants must choose a different activity for each section.

Minimum Age Requirements

Bronze: 14 years and +

Silver: 15 years and +

Gold: 16 years and +

For more information or to get involved, please contact Tim Woods,
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