



What is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities, designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time.

THE DofE AWARD'S 10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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| • Non competitive | • Progressive |
| • Achievable by all | • Achievement-focused |
| • Voluntary | • Demand Commitment |
| • Personalised | • Personal development |
| • Balanced | • Enjoyable |

The flexibility of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme makes it an ideal vehicle for all agencies working with young people. The variety of options within all the sections will satisfy the enthusiasms, interests and aptitudes of young people, whatever their background or culture. The DofE Award as a form of accreditation is highly regarded by Employers, Colleges and Universities.

Apart from being an external accreditation on its own, it is also part of the Explorer Scout Programme badges.

The **Bronze DofE Award** is part of the **Chief Scout's Platinum Award**

The **Silver DofE Award** is part of the **Chief Scout's Diamond Award**

The **Gold DofE Award** is part of the **Queen's Scout Award**.

How does it work?

There are 3 levels of Awards:

- **BRONZE** (for those aged 14 and over) - minimum commitment of 6 months
- **SILVER** (for those aged 15 and over) - minimum commitment of 12 months (for new entrants)
- **GOLD** (for those aged 16 and over) - minimum commitment of 18 months (for new entrants)

At each level there are 4 Sections:

- **Volunteering** - to encourage giving service to others
- **Skills** - to encourage the discovery of personal interests and practical skills
- **Physical** - to encourage participation and improvement in physical activities
- **Expedition** - to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery

At Gold level, there is the additional requirement of a **Residential Project**, which aims to broaden young people's experience through involvement in a residential setting.

Participants follow one activity from each section, largely in their own time, with guidance from someone knowledgeable in each subject. Once the requirements for each section are fulfilled, the participant qualifies for an Award.

Registration costs: (with effect from 1.4.2019)

Bronze	£22.00
Silver	£22.00
Gold	£29.00

There may be a cost towards postage.

An enrolment form **MUST** be completed for every person wishing to enrol. These can be obtained from your Explorer Scout Leader or from the contacts at the end of this document.

Time scales for the different Sections of the different Levels.

BRONZE AWARD

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train for and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition
<i>All participants must undertake a <u>further 3 months</u> in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</i>			

SILVER AWARD

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
6 months	One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months		Plan, train for and complete a 3 day, 2 night expedition
<i>Direct entrants must undertake a <u>further 6 months</u> in the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</i>			

GOLD AWARD

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition	Residential
12 months	One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months		Plan, train for and complete a 4 day, 3 night expedition.	Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights
<i>Direct entrants must undertake a <u>further 6 months</u> in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills section.</i>				

When it says 3 months to complete a section it means to do on average 1 hour a week for 3 months. Once a young person has registered with the DofE Award they have until their 25th birthday to complete it. They also can complete the different sections wherever they wish – via school, cadets, scouts etc...

Contact Details for more information

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