

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Service



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General

This factsheet aims to explain the requirements of the Service Section that are available to those undertaking The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at whichever level. In particular, it outlines the requirements for young people wishing to assist with a Scouting Section for their Service requirements.

Minimum Time Requirements

The minimum time requirements are:

- BRONZE – 3 months involvement *
- SILVER – 6 months involvement
- GOLD – 12 months involvement

* at Bronze, participants may choose to add the additional three months to this Section.

For direct entrants, selecting the service section to undertake their additional time requirements, six months must be added to the Silver and Gold Award requirements.

Involvement is to be measured in full months with an expectation of an average of at least one hour per week. There is flexibility as to how the hours are deployed within the total time span as long as there is regular involvement throughout.

The Process

The period of involvement should start with an initial briefing confirming the nature of the service, how training is to be undertaken and practical involvement.

Some form of training should be provided which can consist of further briefing, attendance on a course or gaining a service-related qualification.

When the practical service is complete, which must be related to the training, a final review should take place and the participant presents their record of service, prior to the record book being completed. Participants should keep their own records of service undertaken detailing the types of service, dates, hours of involvement, etc. A mentor or supervisor should meet with the participant as appropriate to review progress and give guidance/support where needed.

Service Options

The Award Handbook contains lists of suggested activities arranged in alphabetical order.

If a form of service is shown as having a training course or qualification, then this should be completed. If a participant is unable to gain the qualification listed, then advice should be sought from the Award Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Gilwell Park.

Service with The Scout Association

There are a range of options for young people wishing to undertake their Service Section with The Scout Association.

For young people **under 18**, there are three options available:

- become an Explorer Scout and a member of a Young Leaders Unit. Training and support will then be provided by the Young Leaders Unit whilst the service is undertaken.
- be a member of the Senior Section within Girlguiding UK and assist with a Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack or Scout Troop for a fixed period of time. Training and support will be

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offered by the Section Leader and by Girlguiding UK.

- be enrolled with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and undertake service with a Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack or Scout Troop for a fixed period of time. Training should be offered by the Young Leaders Unit. Support should be offered by the Section Leader and by the participant's Operating Authority.

For young adults **over 18**, there are various options available, for example, Section leadership, Skills Instructor, Section Assistant, Administrator or Adviser. Training for these roles will be offered by the County or District as appropriate.

Training Requirements

Whilst undertaking the Service Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, it is mandatory to undertake appropriate training. Where the training listed below is not available or appropriate, an alternative must be agreed with the County Adviser before the service commences. At Gold level, alternatives should be agreed by the Award Officer at Gilwell Park before the service commences.

Please see the table below for Service section requirements when undertaken within The Scout Association.

	Under 18	Over 18
Bronze	Module A of the young Leaders Scheme + 2 other modules.	Getting started modules + 2 other modules relevant to your role
Silver	Module A of the young Leaders Scheme + 3 other modules.	Getting started modules + 4 other modules relevant to your role
Gold	Module A of the Young Leaders Scheme + 5 other modules.	Getting started modules + 6 other modules relevant to your role
Please state in the Record Book the name of the modules completed		

Assessment

Assessment of the training is carried out by the District Explorer Scout Commissioner (for under 18s) or County/Area/Local Training Manager for over 18s. It is important to state in the Record Book the name of the module(s) or course completed.

Further Information

For more detailed information it is important that you consult the Award Handbook and the Programmes File (or on the Award's website). If you do not have a copy, talk to your District or County Adviser before undertaking the Service section of the Award.

More information on the Young Leaders Scheme can be obtained from District Explorer Scout Commissioners. The resource 'Young Leaders Essentials' can be purchased from the Scout

Information Centre and accompanying information can be found at www.scoutbase.org.uk.

More information on the Adult Training Scheme can be obtained from County or Local Training Managers. The resource 'The Scout Association's Adult Training Scheme: An introduction to adult training and learning' can be purchased from the Scout Information Centre along with many other publications relating to the Adult Training Scheme.

Publications Cross Reference

Award Handbook, Fifth Edition (Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 2004)

Programmes File (Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 2000) [update issued 2001, 2003, 2004]

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