

Scouting and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



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Introduction

This is the third edition of the factsheet relating to the correlation of Scouting and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award requirements. This information relates to the old programme for Scouts and Venture Scouts. Information on links between the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the new programme can be found in Unit essentials and Network essentials.

General

Over the last few years the prominence of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award has grown to a level which many believe to be the equivalent of an academic qualification. Due to the wider operation of the Award Scheme in local education authorities and the youth groups, concern has been raised over the issue of undertaking a single activity which may be suitable for both the Award Scheme and The Scout Association's progressive training scheme. This document has been produced to assist all those who undertake both awards, or assist in training or assessing in either award to compare each scheme one with the other. It also helps to show where the Scout proficiency badges could fit in with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The range of opportunities within the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or Scout Association is so large and diversified that it is very difficult to make direct comparisons. It is hoped that this paper will provide enough information and guidance for additional comparisons to

be made at a local level. As a rough approximation it would be fair to say that the Chief Scout's Award is equivalent to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the Venture Scout Award is equivalent to the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Queen's Scout Award is equivalent to the Gold. Saying this, however, does not imply that gaining your Chief Scout's Award necessarily means that you have covered all the requirements for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award or vice versa.

Scout Proficiency Badges

The following Scout Association badges are suitable for certain sections of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It must be noted that any badges gained before entrance into the Duke of Edinburgh's Award may not be used. In addition the use of a Scout Association syllabus must be agreed by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leader or Adviser before commencing the badge if it is to be used for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Administrator	-	Skill
Aeronautics	-	Skill
Airmanship badges	-	Skill
Air Researcher	-	Skill
Air Spotter	-	Skill
Angler	-	Skill
Artist	-	Skill *
Arts Enthusiast	-	Skill

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Astronomer	-	Skill	Lifesaver	-	Service
Athlete	-	Physical Recreation *	Martial Arts	-	Physical Recreation
Boatswain	-	Skill *	Master at Arms	-	Skill/Physical Recreation *
Camp Cook	-	Skill *	Mechanic	-	Skill *
Camper	-	Expedition *	Meteorologist	-	Skill/Expedition *
Camp Site Service	-	Service *	Model Maker	-	Skill *
Canoeist	-	Expedition* or physical	Mountaineer	-	Expedition
Caver	-	Physical Recreation	Musician	-	Skill *
Circus Skills	-	Skill	My Faith	-	Skill
Climber	-	Physical Recreation	Naturalist	-	Skill *
Community	-	Service*	Navigator	-	Skill/Physical Recreation *
Conservation	-	Service	Observer	-	Skill
Cook	-	Skill*	Orienteering	-	Physical Recreation
Craft	-	Skill	Paraglider	-	Skill
Cyclist	-	Physical Recreation	Photographer	-	Skill
DIY	-	Skill*	Physical Recreation	-	Physical Recreation
Dragon Boat Racing	-	Physical Recreation	Pioneer	-	Skill *
Electronics	-	Skill*	Power Coxswain	-	Skill *
Emergency Aid	-	Service*	Public Relations	-	Skill
Entertainer	-	Skill*	Pulling	-	Physical Recreation
Explorer	-	Expedition	Quartermaster	-	Service *
Fire Safety	-	Service*	Radio Communicator	-	Skill *
Forester	-	Skill	Seamanship Badges	-	Skill/Expedition *
Geologist	-	Skill	Skater	-	Physical Recreation *
Guide	-	Service*	Smallholder	-	Skill *
Helmsman	-	Physical Recreation*	Sports Enthusiast	-	Skill
Heritage	-	Skill	Survival Skills	-	Skill*
Hiker	-	Expedition	Swimmer	-	Physical Recreation
Hillwalker	-	Expedition Training	Water Sports	-	Physical Recreation*
Hobbies & Interests	-	Skill *	Winter Sports	-	Physical Recreation
Horseman	-	Skill	World Conservation	-	Service
Information Technology-	-	Skill *	World Faith	-	Skill*
Interpreter	-	Skill	World Friendship	-	Skill
Librarian	-	Skill *	Writer	-	Skill

Instructor Badges - Service *

* This symbol denotes that additional work, training or time may have to be undertaken to meet the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, further information is available in the Programmes File from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

NB It may be possible that if the standard is suitable, a 15 year old Scout who undertakes any of the above badges may equal the requirement necessary for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Patrol Activity Award

Whilst a Patrol activity award can cover many aspects of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award there is no one single section to which it is applicable. There are, however, particular items which may be acceptable. For example, taking part in a patrol expedition may be acceptable for the Expedition Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Gaining a Collective Achievement badge could be suitable for the Service Section, and for a Skill the Pioneer or Advance Pioneer badges, dependent on the level that is achieved.

The Leadership Award

This award cuts many areas of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at many levels, but attainment of the Leadership Award seems to fit fairly closely with the Bronze Service under the Community Service option. This may only be undertaken for the Bronze Award. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award require that a diary and an account of the Community Service project be undertaken which would be an additional requirement over and above the normal Leadership Award requirement.

Chief Scout's Challenge

The Chief Scout's Challenge falls very definitely within the Expedition Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Challenge can be used for either the Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, but notice should be taken of the fact that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award requires that a supervisor be present in the area of the venture.

The Chief Scout's Award

The areas within this Award cover many aspects of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. As in all of The Scout Association Awards, there will almost certainly be a need to do additional work for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or additional work for the Scout Award. Consultation with the Scout Leader, Patrol Leaders Council and the local Duke of Edinburgh's Award Adviser will help clear up any questions that may arise.

Scoutcraft

This section tends to fall within the Expedition Section, although this will almost certainly be Expedition Training.

Adventure

Some areas of this will go under physical activity ie sub-aqua and rock climbing; some under skills, build or maintain a Kart; or Expedition both in training and in qualifying for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award section.

Culture

This can be done under Service, helping with the Beaver Scout Colony or Cub Scout Pack. The Skills Section is applicable for Newsletter Production or Crafts.

Community

The Service Section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award may be suitable for looking at amenities for the elderly or those with special needs, or helping with a Beaver Scout Colony or Cub Scout Pack. Skills may be incorporated from cooking a meal and programme planning.

Health

Areas of this section would be suitable for physical recreation section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. An example of this is the Survival Exercise.

Commitment

This area may come under the Skill heading as in a study of the history of the history of Scouting, or undertaking a training course for Patrol Leaders. The service could be the continual involvement with your place of worship.

The Venture Scout Section

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award within the Venture Scout Section is fairly easy to relate to the Venture Scout and Queen's Scout Awards. The Service Section can be covered by the following headings in the Awards; for the Venture Scout Award, community, involvement and relationships with others and for the Queen's Scout Award community.

There would also be a requirement for a Venture Scout to undertake some of the formal training for adult leadership. For the Silver Award initial training has to be undertaken and for the Gold Award introductory, L1 and L2 training or the local approved equivalent has to be undertaken.

In the Expedition Section, the Venture Scout Award sections Outdoors and the Environment and Physical Activities; and the Queen's Scout Award Explorations may be suitable. In addition, the Explorer Belt could

be made suitable for the Expedition as it could be put forward as an "Other Adventurous Project".

The Skills Section would be covered by the following in the Venture Scout Award and Queen's Scout Award: Creative Pursuits, Personal Values, Design for Living and Pursuit or Interest.

In the Physical Recreation Section the Venture Scout Award and Queen's Scout Award could fulfil the requirement under Outdoors and the Environment, Physical Activities and Pursuit or Interest.

It must be stressed that gaining one of the sections within the Scout Progressive Training Scheme does not automatically qualify the participant to the equivalent section in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It is highly likely that additional work and additional requirements, such as a supervisor in the area for the Expedition, would be required.

In addition to these four sections, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award requires that a residential project be undertaken. The residential project should be with a group of young people where the majority of those that are undertaking the project should not be those with whom the participant is normally associated.

It should also be noted that the undertaking of a residential course may not be used for the fulfilling of two Duke of Edinburgh's Award requirements. For instance, a Scout Introductory Course cannot be used for the Service Section and the Residential Project.

In general, the comparison between the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Scout Awards is relatively easy. There is no exact lining up between the two awards so discretion, common sense and a following of the Award Scheme philosophy and the Scout Law and Promise should be used to ensure that standards are kept at an acceptable level whether undertaking a Scout proficiency

badge, the Chief Scout's Award, the Queen's Scout Award or the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Publications Cross Reference

Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

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Scout Proficiency Badges - 1999