

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Service



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Introduction

This is the third edition of this factsheet updated in line with the new Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme – Award 2000.

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.

Minimum Time Requirements

The minimum time requirements are:

BRONZE – 3 months involvement *

SILVER – 6 months involvement

GOLD – 12 months involvement

* at Bronze, participants may 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

Groupings in the service section have been abolished and the new handbook contains lists of suggested activities arranged by type. Participants are encouraged to develop their own programmes, which meet the principles of the Award and Section.

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 Programme and Development Department at Gilwell Park.

Further Information

For more detailed information it is important that you consult the Award Handbook. If you do not have a copy, talk to your County Adviser before undertaking the Service section of the Award.

Please note that The Duke of Edinburgh's Award will not credit service retrospectively. In other words, you cannot count service hours given before commencing the Award. All hours of service must be undertaken during the period of working on the Award.

Publications cross reference

Award Handbook (Duke of Edinburgh's Award)