

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AWARD?

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Minimum age to commence	14	15	16
Activities in each field below are undertaken substantially out of school hours	Continuous and regular (minimum 1 hour per week or 2 hours per fortnight) over...		
Volunteering (Demonstrate responsibility to the community)	3 months	6 months	12 months
Skill To unleash your talents and broaden your abilities	3 months	6 months	12 months
Physical Recreation To break a sweat, improve physical fitness and get active	3 months	6 months	12 months
One of the above fields, an additional	3 months	*conditions apply	*conditions apply
Adventurous Journey (Develop a spirit of discovery, team work, self reliance and environmental consciousness)	2 day/1 night plus a Practice Journey of similar length	3 day/2 night plus a Practice Journey of similar length	4 day/3 night plus a Practice Journey of similar length
Residential Project			5 day/4 night

COSTS

To undertake The Duke of Ed, Participants are required to pay a fee to the State Award Office.

BRONZE
\$105

SILVER
\$130

GOLD
\$155

The Duke of Ed WA offers fee assistance for special circumstances. If you have a health care card, a pension card or can get a referral from someone at your school/organisation, you are entitled to financial assistance through the Department of Sport & Recreation.

WANT TO DO THE DUKE OF ED, BUT DON'T BELONG TO A SCHOOL/ UNIVERSITY/CLUB/SPORTING TEAM THAT OFFERS THE PROGRAM?

You can register as an Independent Participant with the WA Independent Award Office! You will receive support from a Coordinator based at the WA Award Office. They will answer any questions you may have, help you with activity ideas, assist with finding Assessors and work with you to organise your Adventurous Journey!

WHAT NEXT?

RUN The Duke of Ed in your school, university, sports club or organisation. Contact our WA Award Office for more information.

DO your Duke of Ed. Contact our WA Award office or visit our website to get started.

SPONSOR The Duke of Ed. Visit our website to make a donation and learn other ways you can get involved.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR AWARD? Would you like stay connected? Join The Duke of Ed Alumni by visiting our website.

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The Duke of Ed

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



EXPERIENCES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

SUPPORTED BY:



Department of Sport and Recreation



Government of Western Australia
Department for Communities



WHAT IS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD?

The Duke of Ed is the biggest structured and holistic self-development program in Australia.

Every young person aged 14-25 who takes part in The Duke of Ed learns a Skill, improves their physical wellbeing, volunteers in their community and goes on an adventure. All Participants are supported by a network of adult mentors.

An Award recognises individual improvement through persistence and achievement.

The Duke of Ed can be found right across Australia, engaging over 33,000 young people and over 100,000 adult volunteers annually.

Our program is run in Government and independent schools, universities, prisons and youth detention centres, indigenous communities, new refugee support programs, in cities, rural and remote areas, Government departments and in community organisations such as surf lifesaving, disability groups and other youth programs.

BENEFITS OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

General

- Engage in positive and constructive activities
- Develop initiative, reliability, leadership, determination and enterprise
- Increase self-confidence and leadership ability
- Actively participate within the community
- Increase the level of physical activity
- Work as part of a team
- Meet like-minded adventurous and achievement-focused people; doors will open to you through a widening network
- The Certificate you receive after completion of each level is signed by The Duke of Edinburgh and the Badge is prestigious and can be worn with pride
- Have FUN.....

Secondary students

- Each Award level is a School Curriculum and Standards Authority Endorsed Program therefore can be used to gain points that are counted towards your WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education). Bronze = 5 point (1 unit); Silver = 10 points (2 units) and Gold = 20 points (4 units)
- Printed on your WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education certificate)
- Each Award level is recognised by tertiary training colleges and universities in their selection processes, it places you one step above others...
- Employers Australia and world-wide recognise The Duke of Ed and understand that holders of The Award have resilience and a wide selection of effective life skills, therefore making them more employable

University students

- Employers Australia and world-wide recognise The Duke of Ed and understand that holders of The Award have resilience and a wide selection of effective life skills, therefore making them more employable
- Can be used to assist in obtaining scholarships and / or grants
- Establish a network of like minded individuals that would be beneficial within university and also once in their chosen career

Workplace Graduate program

- Increase the community profile of your organisation through volunteering
- Establish effective workplace relationships with colleagues
- Demonstrate to your employer a willingness to commit to self-improvement
- Achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle therefore increasing productivity



WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS HAVE ON YOUNG PEOPLE?

After participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, they will:

- Be equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best
- Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices
- Become connected to and actively engaged with their immediate community
- Make a real difference to society through their positive contributions and involvement



STRUCTURE OF THE AWARD PROGRAM

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	EXAMPLES
Volunteering	Caring for children, people with disability and/ or infirmity; caring for animals; life saving; hospital volunteering, state emergency volunteering, umpiring, youth work, Conservation projects
Skill	<p>Arts and design: art history, calligraphy, choreography, dance theory, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, sculpture, textile and fashion design etc.</p> <p>Crafts: basket weaving, book binding, cake decorating, candle making, card making, ceramic, clay modeling, cookery, embroidery, flower arranging, glass painting, glasswork, jewellery making, knitting, lace making, leatherwork, origami, quilting, sewing, scrap booking, rug making, soft toy making, t-shirt painting, weaving etc.</p> <p>Communication: audio production, Braille, film and video making, film studies, foreign languages, journalism, newsletter and magazine production, public speaking and debating, reading, radio, sign language, website and digital productions, writing</p> <p>Environmental/nature: Agriculture/farming, aquarium keeping, astronomy, bee keeping, bird watching, conservation, dog training, fishing, forestry gardening, horticulture, horse care, insect study, weather studies</p> <p>Games: backgammon, billiards, card games, chess, darts, pool</p> <p>Hobbies: aircraft recognition, coin collecting, stamp collecting, ship recognition, model construction etc.</p> <p>Life and vocational skills: accounting, committee skills, democracy and political studies, drug awareness, engineering, event planning, furniture making, furniture restoration, hair dressing, home science, information technology, learning to drive, peer education, metal work, money management, tailoring, woodwork, vehicle restoration, mechanics, upholstery etc.</p> <p>Music: DJing, music appreciation, musical theory, playing an instrument, singing etc.</p> <p>Performance: Acting, baton twirling, drama and theatre skills, circus skills, puppetry etc.</p> <p>Sports related: sports officiating, umpiring, sports equipment making and maintenance, sports ground maintenance, dance appreciation, flying, gliding, motor sports etc.</p>
Physical Recreation	Group fitness classes. athletics, canoeing, cycling, dance, gymnastics, martial arts, horse riding, ice skating, jogging, orienteering, personal training programs, rock climbing, skateboarding, skipping, surfing, swimming, walking, yoga, basketball, baseball, cricket, football, hockey, lacrosse, rowing, sailing, soccer, squash, tennis, touch football, volleyball, etc.
Adventurous Journey	The Adventurous Journey is about getting out there and undertaking an expedition or exploration in a challenging environment with a clear purpose. There must be a minimum of six hours of prescribed activity per day for Bronze, seven hours for Silver and eight hours for Gold. Preparation and training and at least one Practice Journey (of a similar duration nature and environment is required at each level prior to the Qualifying Journey).
Residential Project (Gold only)	Gold only: undertake volunteering or training that requires you to live and work with others away from home for 5 consecutive days