



THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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For Youth Empowerment Trust

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NOTES FOR AWARD LEADERS

The Responsibilities of an Award Leader

- To advise, guide and assist young people to participate in the Award.
- To provide young people with Record Books and other literature.
- To maintain the operation of the Programme within the unit.
- To keep records of participants and helpers.
- To liaise and co-ordinate activities with other operators of the Award in their area.
- To ensure the Awards gained are authorized and presented.
- To publicise the Award.
- To ensure the safety and well-being of the participants.
- To ensure the operations of the Award in their unit meets the requirements of the International Declaration and Principles, and that the standards of the Award are Upheld at all times.

Publicise the Award:

- Posters and photographs can create interest amongst young people and potential Award Leaders, Activity Coaches and other helpers. Other items such as videos, multimedia presentations, magazines etc. can also be useful.
- Your organization may also obtain publicity by approaching local or national newspapers, radio and television networks.

Recruit young people:

- Explain the Award at a suitable opportunity and give your members the opportunity to Enrol.
- Start with limited numbers to get used to running the Award. 10-12 young people is a Good number, but if more trained adult help is available you may be able to increase the number of participants.

Get more adults involved:

- Agree one Award Unit Leader in the local organization unit (school, scout troop, club, workplace, youth center, etc.) who is the key point of contact and has overall responsibility for the Award in that unit.
- Each Award Leader should have a copy of The President's Award Handbook which will serve as a useful reference.
- Research some basic opportunities for activities in each Section and identify some potential Activity Coaches.
- Each Activity Coach should also have a basic knowledge of the Award. They can get this by talking to Award Leaders, reading the pamphlets, and reading about the Award.
- It is important to recruit as much adult help as possible and to ensure that the organization is fully behind offering the Award Programme to its members. Running the Award may allow adults who are not normally leaders of the organization to get involved with youth development. Parents can be a good supporting resource. The more adults who are prepared to get involved as Award Leaders, Activity Coaches or general helpers, the wider the choice of activities available to young people.
- If there are other Award units nearby, they should be able to help with ideas, and in some cases with equipment and other resources.
- Ensure that any necessary screening procedures are carried out for adults working directly with young people – the safety of young people is vital. Activity Coaches should be suitably experienced and qualified if necessary. All legal requirements must be enforced.