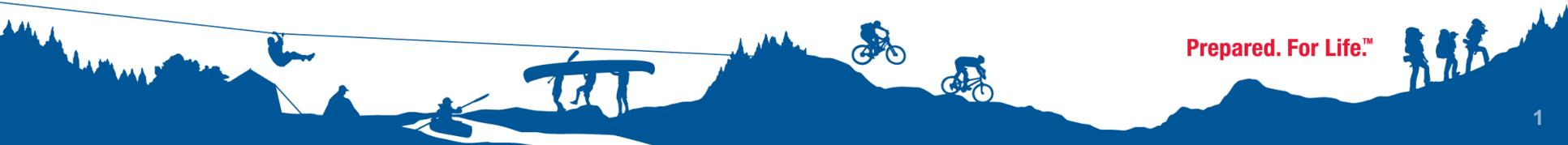




# Duke of Edinburgh Award Transatlantic Council



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# Overview

- **Pilot Program with Boy Scouts of America Six BSA Councils to work and to adapt program**
- **Transatlantic Council approved in August 2012 to adapt program**
- **Duke of Edinburgh is not a “separate” program but an awards program that seeks compatible partners to encourage youth to challenge themselves through existing organizations. Many schools have adapted this program**



# Overview

- **Duke of Edinburgh is known by different names such as International Awards Scheme or Young Americans Challenge but is seeking to rebrand as Duke of Edinburgh**
- **Transatlantic Council will introduce this program to Venture Crews and Varsity Teams as all members are eligible to participate**



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- The US Award is a unique and exciting self-development program available to all young people worldwide ages 14 to 25, equipping them with life skills to make a difference within themselves, their communities and the world.
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- Over 8 million people from over 144 countries have been motivated to undertake a variety of voluntary and challenging activities through the International Award program.
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- The Award began in 1956 in the UK but has spread across the globe, The Award remains as relevant today as ever before and experiences record levels of interest each year. Last year, more than 140,000 participants earned a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award.

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- Most societies across the globe place great pressure on young people to succeed academically, but the Duke of Edinburgh's Award allows youth to develop character and integrity in a non-competitive environment.
- The **Four Tenants** of the Award – **Community Service, Physical Fitness, Special Skills, and Adventurous Journey** – provide participants with a rare opportunity to better themselves while helping others. The Award program is an incredible growing experience for all who take the challenge to achieve this prestigious honor.

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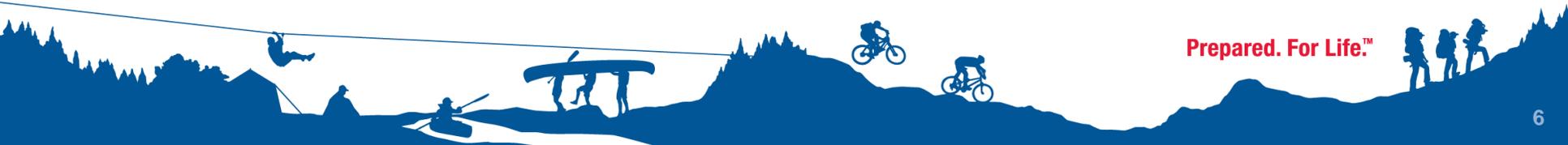


## Three Levels

The Award is based around three Levels, each successive one requiring a greater degree of commitment.

- BRONZE is for those 14 and older. The minimum period of participation to gain this Award is 6 months
- SILVER is for those 15 and older. The minimum period of participation to gain this Award is 6 months
- GOLD is for those 16 and older. The minimum period of participation to gain this Award is 12 months

The Award may not be achieved in a shorter time span by working more intensively. Participants must persist for at least the above minimum periods. It is possible to start at any Level – many participants work their way through all three, while others start at Silver or Gold by fulfilling additional time requirements.



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## Four Sections

To gain an Award, participants must complete activities in four Sections – *one hour weekly for each activity*. Minimum periods of participation vary with each

**Award Level** (see above). Participants choose their activity for each Section – an **Activity Coach** needs to verify that the participant has been making persistent and regular effort for the minimum time period required at each Award Level.

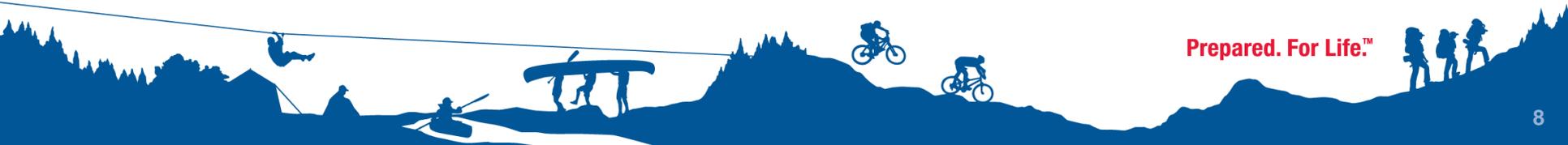
**Activity Coach** – an adult supervisor (not a parent) who has a workable knowledge of the chosen activity. The Activity Coach must verify that the participant has fulfilled the requirements for that Section. i.e. – soccer coach, piano instructor, service coordinator.

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1. **Community Service** – participants engage with their community and discover the impact they can have through service.

2. **Special Skills** – participants develop personal interests and learn practical skills. There are almost limitless possibilities to choose from. Participants set their own goals and measure their progress.

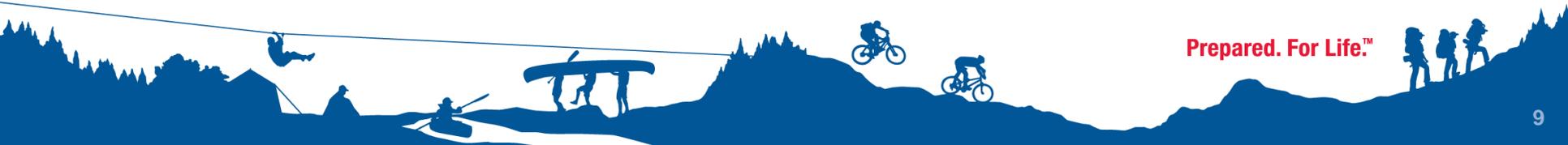
3. **Physical Recreation** – participants show perseverance and improve their fitness by undertaking some form of organized and regular physical activity. Most sports team and individual sports satisfy this requirement.



**4. Adventurous Journey** – participants develop an understanding of the environment, and the importance of working together in a team with a common purpose. It can be on foot, by bicycle, boat or on horseback by learning preparation, self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

- Bronze – 2 days+1 night. 6 hours of purposeful activity each day.
- Silver – 3 days+2 nights. 7 hours of purposeful activity each day.
- Gold – 4 days+3 nights. 8 hours of purposeful activity each day.

**Residential Project** – Only a requirement at Gold Level. This 5 day+4 night project aims to broaden experience through living and working with others (who are not everyday companions). The project takes place over a period of five consecutive days or two weekends. It requires resilience, adaptability and consideration for others



## Time Requirements

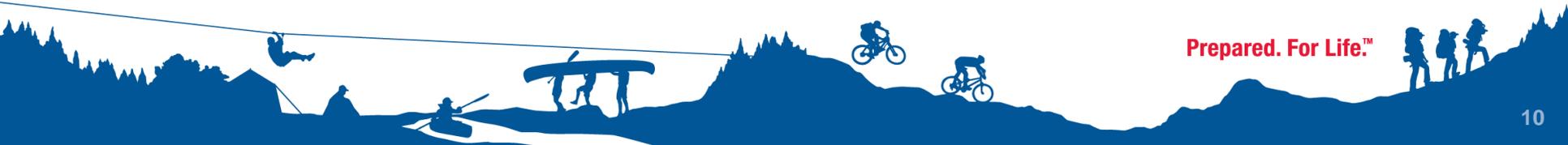
### Physical Fitness Skills Service Plus... Adventurous Journey Total

**Bronze** 3 months 3 months 3 months All participants 2 days + 1 night **6 months**

must do an extra 3 months in either **Fitness** or **Skills** or **Service**

**Silver** 6 months 6 months 6 months Non-Bronze 3 days + 2 nights **6 months**  
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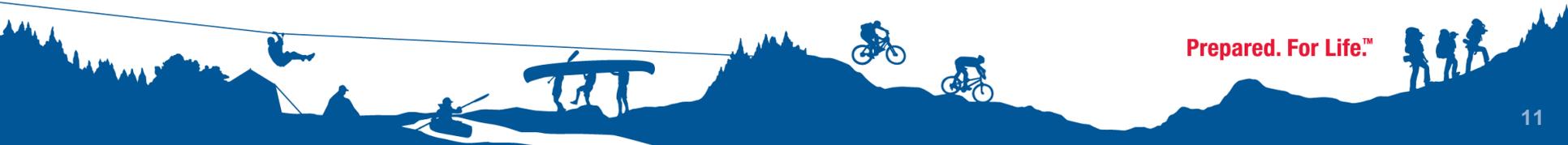
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**Gold\*** 12 months 12 months 12 months Non-Silver 4 days + 3 nights **12 months**

holders must do an extra 6 months in either **Fitness** or **Skills** or **Service**

\*Plus additional requirement of 5 day / 4 night Gold Residential Project

- Participants must spend at least **one hour per week** on each of their chosen activities.
  
- The core requirements of Fitness, Skill, and Service are completed **simultaneously** at each level.
  
- Participants must choose a different activity for each Tenant



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## Program Leaders

- Advise, guide and assist young people to participate in the Award
- Keep records of participants and helpers, collect enrollment forms and participation fees and liaise with the national office
- Provide participants with Record Books and other literature
- Maintain the operation of the Award program within the unit
- Ensure the Awards gained are authorized and presented
- Organize and carry out the Adventurous Journey and ensure the safety and well-being of the participants
- Ensure the operation of the Award in their unit meets the requirements and standards of the US Award national office

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## Program Leaders Starting in Transatlantic Council

- Each District that has a Interested Crews would recruit a District Mentor for youth. Training to be coordinated with US Awards program
- As program grows, we would then recruit and train mentors at community and then unit level
- Forms available on TAC Website and will be sent to all Crews and Teams (and eventually Explorer Posts)
- Web Site: [www.usaward.org](http://www.usaward.org)

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## Fees:

**\$25.00 Annual Fee collected by Transatlantic Council and forwarded with application form to Young Americans Challenge. This fee covers awards and materials. There is no extra fee for awards**

**\$5.00 fee collected by Transatlantic Council to cover credit card costs, postage etc.**

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