

Explorer Gold Award



This recognition knot was most recently used for the Explorer Gold Award and earlier for the Explorer Achievement Award.

The Exploring **G**rowth **O**ppportunity in **L**eadership **D**evelopment (**G.O.L.D.**) program was developed to recognize a significant accomplishment in a young person's life. It requires outstanding performance in a broad spectrum of activities related to Exploring's six experience areas (career, service, fitness, social, leadership, and outdoor). The program was developed to challenge and to motivate young people over an extended period of time. The award is earned by male and female members of any Explorer Post or Ship after a period of service, leadership and tenure. Each Explorer created his/her own set of "requirements" for the award. At the end of the period of service and leadership, candidates appeared before the Post or District Exploring Committee to review the path taken to complete the requirements for the award.



Requirements for Exploring Gold Award:

1. The candidate must have been an active, registered Explorer for at least 12 months tenure before final qualification.
2. The candidate must have been an active member of the Explorer post, and served in one or a combination of leadership roles within the past 12 months (roles may be concurrent as follows: (paraphrased) Post officer, EPA member, post activities chairman; church or school elected youth officer, elected or appointed team leader.
3. The candidate must have participated in a district/Exploring division, council, area, region, or national Explorer event.
4. The candidate must, in consultation with the post Advisor or a member of the post committee, set one personal growth goal related to each of the six experience areas of Exploring, in which the Explorer certifies completion of the goals. (See previous EAA examples)
5. The candidate must plan, prepare for, and lead to completion two or more post activity projects that relate to at least two of the six experience areas; suggested post activity projects are listed separately below. The action should involve at least five Explorers, and it should require a minimum of 4 to 6 months from inception to completion; the project should be approved and the goals of the project set by the post Advisor and/or a member of the post committee and the Explorer candidate. Both parties should certify the completion of the projects(s). Activities should be arranged to fit into normal post programming. Qualifying activities . . . (see previous EAA examples).
6. The candidate must be able to recite the Explorer Code.
7. The candidate must submit three letters of recommendation to the post Advisor that confirms he or she lives in accordance with the principles of the Explorer Code. The letters should come from adults outside the post, such as school or church leaders, employers, or community leaders.
8. After completing all other requirements, the candidate should prepare evidence of completion of the work and submit it to the post Advisor. The post president, in conjunction with the post Advisor, should then appoint a review committee of four to six people including Explorers and adults. The committee should interview the candidate to determine whether that person grew as a result of the pursuit of the Gold Award.
9. Finally, the candidate must have qualified for the Gold Award before his or her 21st birthday.

Significant differences from the Explorer Achievement Award to the Gold Award: Tenure now 12 months, versus 18. Personal growth goals in all six experience areas, versus two. Must recite the Explorer Code. Review committee is youth and adult, can be from the post, vice district/council Exploring committee.

Exploring Leadership Award

Presented by councils, areas/regions, and national to Explorers and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Exploring and who exemplify the Explorer Code.

Qualifications:

1. Be registered and involved in Exploring as an Explorer or an adult for at least one year.
2. Hold a leadership position or office on the unit, district, council, area, regional or national level (as appropriate for the level of award presented).
3. Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Exploring and to explorers on the level appropriate for the award.

Quota: Two youth and two adults per year, up to fifty posts/ships, one additional each for each 25 additional units. Regions: 12/12. National: 6/6.

NOTE: The Gold Award is recognized nationally. However, the program is administered and approved, and recognition is made, at the local council level.