

Top 10 reasons youth should do The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

1. Explore New Passions

The Award challenges youth to try new things and work at activities they are passionate about. It's great to be recognized for working at something they love to do.

3. It's a Marathon, not a Sprint

The Duke of Ed Award cannot be completed quickly. It's all about sustained activities and developing good habits. It takes commitment to see it through and earn something over the long term.

5. Flexible Program

The Duke of Ed program can be completed in a variety of different ways. Many activities youth are already involved in can be counted towards the Award, and the program is completely inclusive for all youth between 14 and 25.

7. Great for Applications

Whether applying for post-secondary or for a job, a Duke of Ed Award shows commitment and achievement, as well as dedication to a variety of activities.

9. It's Progressive

As youth grow, The Award grows with them. At Bronze they may need a lot of help. At Silver, they are more independent. By Gold they build their own experience.

2. It's a Process, not a Prize

The Award is a process of personal and social development; the activities are a means to this end. Youth learn from the new experiences they have and discover hidden capabilities and talents.

4. Non-academic & Non-competitive

The Award recognizes that there are a lot of aspects to a well-rounded person, including achievements outside the classroom. Anyone who puts in the effort will receive the Award, so youth can collaborate with peers instead of competing with them.

6. It Teaches Responsibility

It's up to each individual to ensure they stay on track and that all the Award requirements are met. It's more than just completing the activities.

8. Connect with the Community

By meeting people, volunteering and being active, young people become invested in their community and develop long lasting friendships and connections.

10. Why Not?

With everything that you'll get out of earning the Award, give us one good reason why not to do it!



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