Everyone has a strength that they bring to this world, and one of the most rewarding aspects of The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is that it understands and cultivates each unique experience. The Duke of Ed is the world’s leading youth achievement award, for more than 50 years, it has provided a framework that allows young people in Canada and around the world to pursue their personal goals by supporting them on a journey of self-discovery that is both a bright and sustainable future.

"Stepping into the Award, the young people it serves, both financially and practically, is one of the greatest investments I can make in the future generation," says Gregory Belton, CM, CVO, Executive Chairman of Hub International Ontario, and immediate past International Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation.

"Through community service, adventurous journeys and leadership development, participants live the story of perseverance, initiative and responsibility. There are three levels to the Award, Silver, Gold and Diamond. Each level requires an increasing degree of commitment and effort. The Duke of Ed believes that the object of learning is positive self-growth. Part of growing in a healthy way means pursuing the kind of goals that young people enjoy and as such the object of learning is positive self-growth.

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"This develops confidence to make a difference. This aims to broaden horizons, and equip young Canadians for life in an uncertain world. We strive to give back to the community leaders of our country," says Anthony Goharian, Chair for the Charter for Business which is a partnership between The Duke of Ed and the Canadian corporate community.

"We don’t have all the answers to save the world. The Duke of Ed, we are making the lives of young Canadians better through fostering them to build individual, societal and global transformation. We want you to be a part of the transformation – because when you care about who you are helping, it makes giving back more meaningful."

ABOUT THE AWARD
WHO ARE WE
The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is the world’s leading achievement award for young people. We are a registered charity for the development of people aged 14-24, equipping them with the life skills that will make a difference to themselves, their community, and the world. We strive to be a program in which any young Canadian can participate, barrier-free, regardless of socioeconomic or physical circumstances.

WHAT WE DO
We provide an Award that is self-directed and develops the whole person - mind, body and soul. Our concept is one of individual challenge to set and achieve goals in four areas, encouraging personal development and self-discovery, growth and leadership mindset. There are three levels to the award: Silver, Gold and Diamond. Each level requires an increasing degree of commitment and effort.

WHAT DOES THE AWARD MEAN TO YOU?
Involved in its creation.


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I have seen this first-hand from one of our previous co-op students who achieved Gold. This student has performed well in her program, and her passion to give back to the community impressed me."