



Award Section Assessor Overview

Who is an Assessor?

The value of an Award Assessor extends far beyond mere evaluation. They are the champions of youth, igniting passion and interest in their chosen pursuits, while simultaneously fostering personal growth. By imparting knowledge, offering guidance, and providing encouragement, they empower young individuals to become better versions of themselves, equipped with essential skills for life.

To all Assessors: You're absolute rock stars! Your dedication and support are invaluable, and we truly appreciate everything you do to help youth thrive. You're making a significant difference, and we love you for it!

Assessors are:

	Chosen by the participant, one different Assessor for each of the Award's four sections: Skill, Physical Recreation, Voluntary Service, and Adventurous Journey. If you would like to read more about the sections please visit review the Summar of Award Requirements under the Getting Started section of the participant resource portal .
	Experienced and knowledgeable in the activity.
	Able to commit to mentoring the participant throughout their activity.
	Confirmed by the Award Leader to ensure they are an appropriate choice.
	Adults that are not immediate family members.

What Does an Assessor do?

If you are chosen as an Assessor, you will be notified via email once the participant has submitted their activity to their Award Leader and it gets approved. This email will contain information about what an Assessor is and what they need to do.

Once a participant has completed their activity, they will need to get an Assessor Report from you – this will come as a link via email from the Online Record Book (ORB) where you will get to see their SMART Goal and logs. Within this link, please comment on the improvement, challenge, and effort of each participant through their activity as they worked towards their goal.

- Support the participant in developing a SMART goal for their activity, ensuring they have outlined what they want to achieve and how they will make it happen. Use Chat GPT or our SMART Goal worksheet.

Example SMART goal: For the next 13 weeks, I will spend 1 hour each Sunday afternoon trying out a new recipe to improve my cooking.

- Mentoring the participant throughout their activity.
- Submitting a short assessment on the participant's overall progress towards their SMART goal once the activity is completed.

7 Elements of the Award Canada Way








Understanding the seven elements of the Award activity criteria is essential for effective assessment and understanding why you, the Assessor, play an important role in youth development. These elements are important because you can use them to support your participant when writing their assessment and to encourage them along the way. Are they challenging themselves, taking time to reflect to improve each time, etc.? You can also use these elements if the participant needs help changing their SMART goal or altering their activity to better suit their needs if they come to you for help.

When youth are uncertain about their interests or passions, mentors can offer invaluable support by encouraging exploration of various activities and hobbies, asking thoughtful questions to prompt self-reflection, providing guidance based on their own experiences, referencing the Activity Zone, creating a safe space for open dialogue, and encouraging them to embrace challenges and setbacks as opportunities for growth. By guiding youth through this process, mentors help them gain clarity, develop a sense of identity, and ultimately pursue paths that align with their interests and passions.

Focus on providing guidance and support rather than imposing strict rules or limitations. Find out what they're passionate about and things that they're already doing in their own time. They might already be doing the Award; they just don't know it (ensuring the activities still follow the 7 elements). Believe in them even when they may doubt themselves and help them figure out the next steps in pursuing their goals.

If you need assistance, reach out to the participant, their Award Leader, or our chat bot on our website.

The 7 elements of the Award Canada Way for activities are as follows:

	Is your activity following the Award framework? For example, for Bronze: (i) Are you over 13.5 years old? (ii) Have you chosen activities for 13 weeks and selected one to continue for 26 weeks?
	Did you set a SMART goal? Use Chat GPT or our SMART Goal worksheet if you need help.
	Did you choose an activity that matches your interests and passions?
	Did you choose an activity that has a meaning and purpose for you?
	Did you find an Assessor who will support you in developing your SMART goal, provide support, and submit a short assessment at the end of your activity on your progress?
	Will your activity challenge you and help you learn new things?
	Will you take time to reflect on your progress?