

GET INVOLVED

Adventurous Journey Supervisor



What is the Award?

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global program of achievement for young people ages 14 to 24. It challenges young people to push their limits, try new things, meet new people, and become the best version of themselves. Through a flexible framework of activities, the Award encourages participants to pursue their interests and passions while earning an internationally recognized Award.

What is an Adventurous Journey?

The Adventurous Journey is often the most exciting activity in the Award program. Participants take part in an outdoor adventure that involves camping, finding their way in an unknown environment, and working together in a team. Normally, the Adventurous Journey is a hiking and backpacking adventure, but other kinds of self-powered travel such as bicycle or canoe are also allowed. The adventure takes place over two or more days and teams must be self-sufficient, with a minimum of help from supervising adults.

How can I make a difference?

As an Adventurous Journey Supervisor, you can directly impact the growth and development of young people through their Adventurous Journey. The Adventurous Journey Supervisor acts as the advisor and overall coordinator for a team's Adventurous Journey. By organizing the team's preparations, ensuring they are ready for the challenge, watching out for

them on their adventures, and ensuring they are returned home safely, you will play an essential role in helping young people complete this part of their Award program.

Being an Adventurous Journey Supervisor

An effective Adventurous Journey Supervisor is an adult who appreciates the outdoors, is organized, resourceful, and willing to take on responsibility, and enjoys working with young people. They must have sufficient time available and be willing to attend the required training that prepares them for this role. Adventurous Journey Supervisors are interested in seeing their participants grow and succeed, and are active in providing the support needed to get them through their Adventurous Journey. They must be committed to the principles of the Award program and ready to make a difference in the lives of young people.

If this sounds like you, contact the National Office of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA at info@usaward.org to get involved.



With the Adventurous Journey there are a lot of challenges and many things to keep on top of. But I'm happy to volunteer in this way as I know it makes a big difference to whether my kids complete their Award or not.

– *Adventurous Journey Supervisor*