

## Parent/Guardian Consent Form

This form **must** be completed for applicants **under 18 years of age by the parent/guardian.**

I, .....[full name of parent/guardian]

of .....

.....  
[Street Address, City, State, Zip Code]

Phone (Home) ..... (Mobile) .....

Email .....

am the parent/guardian of .....

[full name of applicant named in ORB registration]. I consent to them participating in the Award with the Award Operator, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA, under the supervision of

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[name of Award Center (e.g. school/organization/group)] and to them undertaking activities to fulfill the requirements of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

### Requirements and conditions

1. I understand that the participant cannot participate in the Award until this form has been completed and returned to the Award Operator, and the ORB registration has been approved by the Award Center.
2. I consent to the Award Center and any other individuals, including volunteers\*, who are involved in or assist in organizing the Award, and hired transportation drivers, transporting the participant for the purpose of participating in activities or functions related to the Award, as required. I understand that the Award Center will notify me in advance of when and where such travel will occur.
3. I understand that certain activities are considered high-risk and that high-risk activities may not be covered by the insurance arrangements of the Award Operator. I understand that the responsibility for all risks arising from the participant's participation in the Award is placed solely upon the participant.
4. I authorize employees, officers or agents of the Award Center and any other individuals who participate in, are involved in, or assist in organizing the Award, in the event of any accident, injury, illness or loss suffered by the participant whilst participating in, or traveling to and from, any activities or functions related to the Award, to obtain any necessary medical assistance or treatment including, but not limited to, engaging any doctors, nurses or hospital accommodation.

5. I consent to pay all such doctors, nurses or hospital accommodation fees and expenses incurred on behalf of the participant as a result of any such accident, injury, illness or loss suffered by the participant whilst participating in, or traveling to and from, any activities or functions related to the Award.
6. I consent to and understand that photographs may be taken of the participant participating in certain activities related to the Award and such photographs may be used for promotional purposes provided an appropriate release form has been signed by both the participant and their parent/guardian.
7. I have read and understood the different levels and requirements of the Award as set out in the Outline of the Award (page 5 of this form).
8. I understand every participant must participate in the Award through an Award Center, which has the discretion to accept or reject participants and their proposed activities to be undertaken as part of the Award.
9. I understand that the participant cannot commence any particular section of the Award until I have satisfied myself that any individual nominated by the participant, who is not an employee of the Award Center, is suitably experienced and/or qualified to instruct/supervise/assess that section of the Award; and until any relevant individuals overseeing the Adventurous Journey section have completed and returned required documentation to the Award Center.
10. I understand that upon acceptance into the Award by the Award Center, the participant will gain access to the Online Record Book (ORB). The participant will read the requirements of the Award contained in the ORB prior to starting activities in relation to the Award. I understand that the Award Center has the discretion to determine whether the Award requirements have been met and therefore whether a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award should be issued. I understand that the Award Operator may provide participants with limited insurance in respect of personal accident and public liability insurance starting upon acceptance into the Award by the Award center, but that the responsibility for obtaining and maintaining personal accident cover lies with the participant/and their parent/guardian.
11. I understand that:
  - a. a participant must not drive a motor vehicle or transport other participants participating in activities related to the Award unless the participant holds an appropriate and valid driving license and there is appropriate third party insurance in place to cover any person injured as a consequence of the participant's driving; and
  - b. a participant must not be driven by any individual who is not involved in or assisting in organizing the Award for the purposes of participating in the Award unless the individual holds an appropriate and valid driving license and there is appropriate third party insurance in place to cover any person injured as a consequence of the individual's driving.
12. I understand that participants are required to comply with the Award requirements contained in the ORB, the policies and standards of behavior of the relevant Award Operator (as amended from time to time) and requirements of the Award Center in relation to emergency plans, assessment of activities and the conduct of Adventurous Journeys related to the Award, and understand that the Award Center may withdraw its approval to the participant's participation in the Award if they do not comply.
13. I consent to the provision of any personal information that I have provided (including participant data) to the Award Center and Award Operator. I consent to this information being treated in accordance with the provisions of the privacy policy of the relevant Award Operator (as amended from time to time), the National Privacy Principles contained in the Data Protection Act (UK) 1998 (or any locally equivalent policy or act), and any other privacy legislation, standards, guidelines or instructions binding on them under privacy legislation.
14. The Award Operator is committed to respecting your privacy. Personal information is collected on this form for the purpose of participating in the Award. Participants who do not provide this information to us cannot participate in the Award (note that this does not apply to non-provision of participant data). We may also use your personal information to send you information about other Award activities or events which we believe may be of interest to you. We may disclose this information to other local or international organizations and service providers who assist us in the operation and administration of the Award. If you

would like to contact us or access your personal information please write to the Award Operator. You may also contact the Award Operator to request a copy of their privacy policy.

Please ✓ if accepted:

I have read, understood and agree to comply with, the requirements and conditions of the participant's participation in the Award, as described above.

Parent/guardian signature ..... Date .....

The Award Center agrees to accept the above mentioned as a participant of the Award according to the requirements and conditions as described above.

Signed on behalf of the Award Center:

Coordinator name .....

Signature ..... Date .....

\*For the purposes of the Award, and therefore this document, a 'volunteer' means anyone over the age of 18 who assists with the Award, either in a paid or unpaid capacity. This includes all Award Coordinators, Award Leaders, AJ Supervisors, and AJ Assessors.

## Outline of the Award

The Award has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each of these levels is made up of four Sections: Physical Recreation, Skills, Voluntary Service and the Adventurous Journey. The Gold Award has an additional requirement – a Gold Residential Project. All participants in the Award must be registered with an Award Center. The Award Center must approve activities prior to participants undertaking them.

Participants design their own program by selecting activities that interest them and then set their goals according to the following minimum requirements (summarized in the table below).

BRONZE	
Physical Recreation	3 months*
Skills	3 months*
Voluntary Service	3 months*
Plus	All participants must complete another three months in either Physical Recreation or Skills or Voluntary Service
Adventurous Journey	2 days + 1 night**
SILVER	
Physical Recreation	6 months*
Skills	6 months*
Voluntary Service	6 months*
Plus	Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional six months in either Physical Recreation or Skills or Voluntary Service
Adventurous Journey	3 days + 2 nights**
GOLD	
Physical Recreation	12 months*
Skills	12 months*
Voluntary Service	12 months*
Plus	Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must undertake an additional six months in either Physical Recreation or Skills or Voluntary Service
Adventurous Journey	4 days + 3 nights**
Gold Project	5 days + 4 nights

\* These are **minimum** time requirements and are expressed in whole months, during which there should be **regular commitment**. As a guide, regular time commitment is at least one hour per week or two hours

biweekly. In the case of Voluntary Service, this may be four hours per month (in block time periods) dependent on Award Leader approval. Award participants are encouraged to continue their activities beyond the minimum time.

\*\* Satisfactory completion of the Adventurous Journey section includes training and preparation appropriate for the journeys being undertaken and at least one practice journey of a similar nature and duration to the qualifying journey.

1. Any young person aged 14 to 24 can become an Award participant.
2. At the Bronze level, if a person is 13 and 6 months, but is part of a peer group where the majority are 14 years or older, then some discretion is given to the Award Center to allow that young person to start their Bronze Award with the rest of the group.
3. A person may start Silver at 14 and 6 months if they have completed their Bronze Award.
4. Participants who start their Bronze or Silver Award slightly earlier will need to wait until they meet the minimum age for completion before they can claim their Award.
5. No activity undertaken before a participant's 16th birthday may be counted towards a Gold Award.
6. Please contact your local Award office if you have any questions about age range and starting the Award prior to 14 years of age.
7. The Award must be completed by the participant's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.
8. Parent/guardian consent is required for participants under 18 years.
9. The standards of achieving an Award are individual effort, perseverance and progress.
10. The Award is to be completed substantially in the participant's own time.