



Gold

Gold is the third and final level of the Award, and takes a minimum of 12 months to complete. If you have not completed Bronze and Silver there are extra requirements. You would be considered a direct entrant and it would take a minimum of 18 months to complete one of your individual sections, called a Major. You can start your Gold Award from the age of 16.

There are three specific sections—[Voluntary Service](#), [Skills](#) and [Physical Recreation](#)—that you'll choose your activities from, plus an [Adventurous Journey](#) and a [Gold Residential Project](#) (a Gold-only section) to complete.

The table below gives you a good idea of what time is involved for each section. If you're already playing a sport, learning a skill (e.g. learning to drive or play a musical instrument), or helping others in your community, once registered, you will be able to use these activities to count towards your required hours:



GOLD Ages 16+	12 months	12 months	12 months	4 days/3 nights ³	5 days/4 nights
	Averaging at least one hour per week <i>on each section</i> . If you haven't already completed Silver, you must do an extra 6 months of either Service, Skills or Physical Recreation.			Plus Training and at least one Practice Journey	

³ With 8 hours of purposeful effort per day

If you have completed Silver online then please ask your Award Leader to invite you to the Gold Level of the Award.



Gold Ceremonies

Bermuda

Once you have finished your Gold Award and had it signed off by National Award Office (NAO), you'll be invited to attend a Gold Award Ceremony which will take place at Government House under the patronage of the Governor of Bermuda who is the Patron for the Award in Bermuda. Ceremonies are a great opportunity to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments. We will make contact with you via email approximately eight weeks before the ceremony if you have been included. Gold ceremonies are held annually or bi-annual based on the number of eligible Gold Awardees.

If you currently have a school-based email address, please contact us to give an alternative email address prior to leaving school.

You need to have your Gold Award finalized by the NAO at least 12 weeks prior to the ceremony you wish to attend, in order to be considered for that particular ceremony.

Overseas

If you have completed your Gold Award (and received confirmation from the NAO) and are heading off overseas, it may be possible to have your Gold Award certificate and badge presented in the country you are going to.

Things to consider are...

- Will you be in the country long enough to be included in a presentation? (You must be resident for at least 24 months in the United Kingdom to be considered).
- Does the country you are going to offer the Award? (check [The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award website](#) to see if it does).

If you can answer "yes" to the above then contact the National Office for further information and the correct paperwork.

- Please note that we cannot guarantee your inclusion in ceremonies overseas.

