

EXPLORING™

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD PROGRAM





INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Exploring programs involve active learning and include lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities. Exploring promotes the conditions necessary for the growth and development of adolescents. The following are the key components of the Career Achievement Award programs, which allow young people to acquire and be recognized for career proficiency achievement and community service.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Career Achievement Award program is to

- Provide direction to Explorers registered in a post in individual career proficiency.
- Motivate Explorers to discover new career opportunities.
- Recognize Explorers for significant community service.
- Give Explorers distinguished credentials for their résumés.

REQUIREMENTS

Explorers can earn a Career Achievement Award in one or all of the 12 career fields. To earn a Career Achievement Award, the candidate must provide 50 hours of community service and complete any nine career achievements. The adult leader certifies that each Explorer has satisfactorily performed 50 hours of community service and verifies that each candidate has completed at least nine achievements within the career cluster.

NOTE: Only Explorers registered in a post can qualify for this award. Explorers registered in a club can qualify for the Career Awareness Award.

RECOGNITION

The Career Achievement Award Certificate, SKU 639678, has space for signatures of both the adult leader and the organization head. Certificates are available through your local Exploring office. Adult leaders may present them as merited.

QUALIFYING ACHIEVEMENTS

Due to the flexible nature of the program, adult leaders are permitted a reasonable degree of latitude in substituting appropriate achievements that serve to meet the requirements for the Career Achievement Award.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Submit this application along with the service hours log and career achievement checklists to your unit leader to complete the award process. Upon approval you will receive the Career Achievement Award Certificate. (Tip: Include a copy of your certificate in college, job, and scholarship applications.)

PART ONE CANDIDATE PERSONAL DATA

_____ POST NO.		_____ PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION	
_____ NAME		_____ NICKNAME	
_____ ADDRESS		_____ P.O. BOX	
_____ CITY	_____ STATE	_____ ZIP CODE	
_____ EMAIL			
_____ HOME PHONE		_____ BIRTH DATE	

PART TWO ADULT LEADER CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATE

I certify that the above-named candidate has fulfilled nine required achievements and 50 hours of community service for the Exploring Career Achievement Award and has my approval for recognition of this significant accomplishment.

_____ ADULT LEADER	_____ DATE
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CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SERVICE HOURS LOG

NAME

POST NO.

A minimum of 50 service hours at any number of nonprofit organizations in your community is required to earn the Career Achievement Award.

Description of Activity	Total Hours	Service Performed For	Supervisor Signature and Phone No.
Grand Total of Hours:			



LAW & GOVERNMENT CAREER ACHIEVEMENT CHECKLIST

NAME _____

POST NO. _____

Submit this list along with the award application and service hours log to your unit leader.

Complete nine of the following achievements:

1. Learn the definition of *law*. Tell some of its sources. What are the sources of United States law and your state's law? Describe functions of the court system.
2. Make a presentation to your post or another group covering the Code of Hammurabi, the Justinian Code, and the Magna Carta.
3. Make a presentation to your post or another group covering the development of the jury system.
4. Make a presentation to your post or another group covering two famous trials in history.
5. Visit an attorney or judge. Find out about civil law and criminal law and the main differences between them. Ask for examples of each. Ask the attorney or judge about his or her career, work schedule, and educational background.
6. Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask him or her about his or her responsibilities and duties. Discuss your findings with your post, class, or another group.
7. Learn how to make or write a legal contract. Learn about laws that have been passed to protect consumers and sellers. Find out the name of at least three organizations that help protect consumers.
8. Visit a civil or criminal court. Write 250 words or more on what you saw.
9. Plan and conduct a mock trial with your post, a community group, a school class, or another youth group. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.

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10. Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government. Find out his or her duties and responsibilities. Report what you learn to your post, a school class, or another community youth group.

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11. Find out the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state.

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12. Describe how judges are selected in your state.

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13. Make a tabletop display highlighting at least 15 jobs that deal with some aspect of law or legal processes. Note which you prefer and why. Display at a post meeting or in another public place.

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14. Visit your city, county, or other municipality manager to find out the service he or she oversees. Ask about relationships with the elected leadership. Ask about budgets and expenditures. Ask about the educational background of the manager.

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