

## The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Assessor Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to be an Assessor for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award ('The Award'). Being an Assessor is a critical part of the participant's Award program.

Through a structured framework, the Award program consists of four main sections. Participants are required to learn a new skill (or focus on advancing an existing one), participate in community service, engage in physical fitness, and go on overnight adventure called the Adventurous Journey, in order to earn one of our three Awards levels. Within each section, participants need to choose a personalized goal to work towards.

**The Assessor is an essential part of the accountability of the Award program. The main role of the Assessor is to be knowledgeable in the activity of that Award section, and verify the participant's progress towards meeting their goal.**

Prior to beginning the activity, the participant will inform you of their goals. As an Assessor, the participant may look to you for guidance in setting realistic goals, as well as instruction and encouragement to complete the activity.

### Assessor's Responsibility:

- **Monitor the participant's progress & regular commitment**
  - Your participant is required to participate in their activities for a minimum of one hour per week or two hours every two weeks for either three, six, or 12 months, depending on their level of The Award.
- **Complete a brief report to verify their progress and participation at the end of the required time.**
  - This entry can be a brief 4-5 sentence paragraph detailing the participant's commitment and effort towards the activity. You will receive a link by email to complete this report electronically through our Online Record Book.

*Please note: Achievement of the participant's goal is not mandatory for successfully completing the Award. The Award program values the dedication and perseverance that the participant exerts towards reaching their personal goals.*

We thank you for your assistance and commitment in helping our participant works towards their Award. Please feel free to contact your participant's Award Leader for additional questions or concerns. To learn more about the Award, visit [www.usaward.org](http://www.usaward.org)