

Upstate Young Marines Awards Application Conservation Ribbon

Eligibility Requirements:

Awarded to Young Marine who exhibits a strong interest in conservation through personal research and observation, oral and written communication, and daily practice.

Criteria:

A. Young Marine must complete 4 of the 6 requirements below:

- a. Build and set out a bird or squirrel nesting house.
 - b. Prepare composition on 6 wild animals common to your state. Provide common and scientific names, short description of animal, their eating habits, their habitat, and draw picture of their track.
 - c. Using a container and soil grow a plant or vegetable documenting its growth for (3) weeks. Show your results and documentation (with photos) to your UC.
 - d. Plant grasses, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion. Contact your local forestry services or local government for permission. (Be sure to obtain a permit or permission from any agency if required).
 - e. Volunteer (10) documented hours with your local natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers.
 - f. Plan, develop and implement a “reforestation” project within your city or state. Plant tree seedlings as part of this reforestation project. (Be sure to obtain a permit or permission from any agency if required).
- (Sections “B & C” below are mandatory to complete this project).

B. Prepare a written composition of no less than 500 words on a national or state park of Young Marine’s choice found in their state giving the date established, location, and significant landmarks. Explain how the park contributes to conservation by considering the following questions when researching and writing about your chosen park. Answer two to three of these questions in their essay:

- a. Who is in charge of conservation efforts at the park?
- b. What do they do specifically to conserve plant, animals, and lands of the park?
- c. How are visitors to the park educated on conservation?
- d. How does the park contribute to conservation efforts in other areas of the state?

C. Submit your essay via mail or email to the Headquarters Education Manager. Unit Commanders should alert the Education Manager that the other award requirements have all been met before essay submission. Headquarters will award the ribbon in the Database.

D. Talk to your local, state, or national organization that is concerned about environmental protection, obtain suggestions for your Unit as a project to improve the environment.

E. All activities listed in Section “A” must be submitted to and approved by Unit Commander before starting any project.

Authorized Devices:

Gold frame for any Nationally authorized event (**Int.** _____)

Young Marine Name _____

Commanders Signature

Date Entered in Database