



Young Marines Awards Manual

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-1	#3606
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines, who distinguishes themselves by exceptionally meritorious service to the Young Marines in a duty of great responsibility.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, an exceptional performance of duty, clearly above what is normally expected, which has contributed material to the success of the National Young Marines Program is required. 2. In general, the Distinguish Service Ribbon will be awarded only to those Young Marines in national capacity whose service is such as to justify the award. This shall not be interpreted to preclude the award of the Distinguish Service Ribbon to any individual whose service meets the requirements. 3. If there is any doubt as to the degree of service involved, the Personal Commendation Ribbon is the more appropriate award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

Instructions:

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2. Summary of Action. Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.


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Order of Precedence:	I-2	#3619
Lowest issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines Program, who distinguishes themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding service.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the service rendered must have been comparable to that required for the Distinguished Service Ribbon but in a duty of lesser though considerable responsibility. 2. In general, the Personal Commendation Ribbon will be awarded to Young Marines who have performed exceptional meritorious service as to justify the Distinguished Service Award except as to degree of merit. However, this should not be interpreted to preclude the award of a Personal commendation to any individual, regardless of rank, whose acts or services meet the requirements. 3. When the degree of achievement or service rendered, although meritorious, is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Personal Commendation Ribbon, the Meritorious Service Ribbon or Personal Achievement Ribbon should be considered. 	
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Name of Award:	MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-3	#4036
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines Program, who distinguishes themselves by meritorious achievement or service.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, an accomplishment or performance of duty above what is normally expected and is sufficient to distinguish the individual among those performing comparable duties is required, although less than the requirements for the Personal Commendation Ribbon. 2. Single acts of merit or meritorious service in connection with the Young Marine's operation may justify the award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award	

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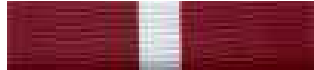
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Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING FIRST DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-4	#3401
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, who distinguishes themselves by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving without regard to the risk of one's own life for the benefit of another human being.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual level of personal "life-threatening" risk experienced by the rescuer determines the justification of this award for heroism. 2. For heroic performance to rise to this level, it must be clearly established that the act involved very specific life-threatening risk to the rescuer. When there is none, or at best very limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer, the award of the Lifesaving Second Class may be more appropriate. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars	

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Name of Award:	LIFESAVING SECOND DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-5	#1346
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, who distinguishes themselves by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving with limited life-threatening risk to one's own life for the benefit of another human being.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual level of personal "life-threatening" risk experienced by the rescuer determines the justification of this award for heroism 2. For heroic performance to rise to this level it must be clearly established that the act involved very specific limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer. When there is no life-threatening risk to the rescuer, the award of the Lifesaving Third Class may be more appropriate. 	
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Name of Award:	LIFESAVING THIRD DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-6	#7119
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Division Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, who distinguishes themselves by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving of another human being, animal, or wildlife.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award for heroism, there should be no risk or at best very limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer. 2. For heroic performance to raise to this level, it must be clearly established that the act involved a sincere effort by the rescuer to save the life of another human being, animal, or wildlife. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award	

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Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-7	#3308
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Regimental Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who distinguishes themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the Young Marines Program.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to the criteria that is required for the Personal Commendation but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Personal Achievement Ribbon, the Commendation of Merit Ribbon, when appropriate, should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award EGA Device – National Award* Bulldog Device – National Award** Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award</p> <p>*Beginning in FY 2013, the EGA Device is authorized for wear with the National Gold Frame for those that travel with the National Director to Guam/Iwo Jima or other selected destination. (Current National YMOY, 6 Division YMOYs, 2 Trimble Recipients and 1 National Directors Selection)</p> <p>**2018 World War I/ World War II Adventure attendees only</p>	


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Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR (YMOY)	
Order of Precedence:	I-8	#3309
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who exhibits exceptional performance during the course of the past fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selection criteria for Young Marine of the Year is provided in the Adult Volunteer Manual (AVM), Chapter 7. 2. To justify this award, the Young Marine must have exhibited exceptional performance for the past fiscal year. Selection should not be judged solely on achievements, but on all areas of performance and personal conduct as a Young Marine. 3. The candidate must be qualified as indicated in Chapter 7 of the AVM. 4. In the <u>last fiscal year</u> the Young Marine must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had an outstanding attendance record. b. Had an outstanding conduct record. c. Passed all personnel inspections. d. Passed all Physical Fitness Tests. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>National Young Marines of the Year are authorized to wear the National YMOY Rocker and Gold Shoulder Cord</p> <p>Division Young Marines of the Year are authorized to wear the Division YMOY Rocker and Blue Shoulder Cord</p> <p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars</p>	


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Name of Award:	COMMENDATION OF MERIT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-9	#1200
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for a single act of meritorious service to the Young Marines program, not sufficient to warrant the Personal Achievement Ribbon.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to that required for the Personal Achievement Ribbon but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Commendation of Merit Ribbon, the Young Marine Achievement Ribbon, when appropriate should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm – Division Award Silver Palm – Regiment Award Bronze Palm – Battalion Award</p> <p>Bronze star (3/16") for subsequent awards Silver star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars Gold star (3/16") worn in lieu of 5 silver stars</p>	

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Name of Award:	HONOR GRADUATE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-10	#4030
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine Recruit who is designated the Honor Graduate of their Recruit Training Class or a Young Marine who is designated the Honor Graduate of their Leadership School.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine Recruit, in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the Basic Ribbon, must demonstrate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Displayed exceptional leadership qualities. b. Attended <u>all</u> scheduled drills during the recruit-training period. <p>An absence, for which the Young Marine Recruit has provided the Unit Commander with a written explanation is considered excused and should be counted as present for the purpose of this award. Young Marine Recruits can have no more than 3 excused absences during recruit training to be eligible for this ribbon award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Be signed off on all required Performance Objectives and Enabling Objectives for Young Marines Recruit Training. d. Pass the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test. <p>2. The Young Marine must graduate JLS, SLS or ALS as the school Honor Graduate.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Silver R – Honor Recruit (units must award the Honor Grad this ribbon)</p> <p>Silver J – JLS Honor Graduate</p> <p>Silver S – SLS Honor Graduate</p> <p>Gold A – ALS Honor Graduate</p> <p>Multiple devices are authorized for wear.</p>	