

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

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Background

Learning for Life programs involve active learning and include lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities. Learning for Life promotes the conditions necessary for the growth and development of adolescents. The following are the key components of the Learning for Life 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 Learning for Life Career Achievement Award program is to

- Provide direction to Explorers and student participants in individual career proficiency.
- Motivate Explorers and student participants to discover and take on career opportunities.
- Recognize Explorers and student participants for significant community service.
- Give Explorers and student participants distinguished credentials for their résumés.

Requirements

Explorers or Learning for Life participants can earn a Career Achievement Award in one or all of the 12 career clusters. To earn a Career Achievement Award, the candidate must provide *50 hours of community service and complete any nine career achievements*. The Explorer post Advisor or adult high school Learning for Life group leader certifies that each Explorer or Learning for Life participant has satisfactorily performed 50 hours of community service and verifies that each candidate has completed at least nine achievements within the career cluster.

Recognition

The Learning for Life Career Achievement Award Certificate (No. 32194) has space for both the signatures of both the adult leader and organization head. Certificates are available through the local Learning for Life office. Adult leaders may purchase a quantity of the certificates and present them as merited.

Qualifying Achievements

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

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

For the Career Cluster in

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Humanities | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Law and Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Trades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and Emergency Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services |

Part 1: Candidate Personal Data

Post/Group No.: _____ Participating Organization: _____

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Birth Date: _____

School/College: _____ Grade Level: _____

Part 2: 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 Learning for Life Career Achievement Award and has my approval for recognition of this significant accomplishment.

Adult Leader: _____ Date: _____

Part 3: Learning for Life Office Authorization

This candidate is a currently enrolled Explorer or Learning for Life participant. Having been certified by the adult leader for completing the required nine achievements and 50 hours of community service, the Explorer post or Learning for Life group is authorized to purchase and present the Learning for Life Career Achievement Award Certificate.

Learning for Life Office Signature: _____ Date: _____

LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NAME: _____

The Law Enforcement Career Achievement Award recognizes Explorers who have completed select achievements and engaged in various practical experiences that will assist them in making an informed decision about a career in law enforcement or a related profession in the field of criminal justice. Explorers must complete nine (9) of the following achievements in order to qualify for the award. Achievements annotated with an asterisk (*) are required to earn the award.

Law Enforcement Achievements

1. * Earn Law Enforcement Training Proficiency Award.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

2. Complete a certified Law Enforcement Exploring Advanced Training Program. Certification requirements for agencies or organizations providing Basic and/or Advanced Law Enforcement Exploring Training are outlined in the Law Enforcement Exploring section of the Learning for Life website.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

3. *Earn Community Service Proficiency Award — NOTE: The 100 hours of community service mandated for this award exceeds the level of community service required for the Career Achievement Award for all Exploring career interest programs.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

4. * Earn Law Enforcement Exploring Physical Fitness Proficiency Award. — NOTE: An Explorer who is unable to earn this award due to a medical condition or physical disability can fulfill this achievement by reviewing information in Cognitive Assessment Study Guide for this award, passing the Cognitive Assessment test with a minimum score of 90%, and making a presentation to the Post on the importance of physical fitness, proper nutrition and stress management for law enforcement officers.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

5. Earn Crime Prevention Proficiency Award — NOTE: The mandated 25 hours of service in support of sponsoring agency crime prevention projects can be applied to the 100 hours of service required for the Community Service Proficiency Award.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

6. * Earn Law Enforcement Service Proficiency Award — NOTE: The required 25 hours of service required for the Crime Prevention Proficiency Award can be applied to the 100 hours of service required for the award.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

7. * Earn Emergency Preparedness Proficiency Award

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

8. Earn Firearms Training Proficiency Award

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

9. Earn Drug Abuse Proficiency Award

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

10. Attend a biennial National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference or a state, regional or local conference or academy that is a minimum of 3 days in duration and primarily focuses on law enforcement training, competition or other related activities.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

11. Attend a biennial National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy or a certified local, state or regional Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

12. Provide a minimum of 25 hours of program support to a Middle School Explorer Club with a career interest in Law Enforcement.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

13. Observe (a minimum of 5 hours) a state and/or federal criminal trial and make presentation to Post regarding the basis for the trial and observations about the proceedings and protocol.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

14. Conduct an analysis of a litigated police misconduct case and present a report to the Post detailing the allegations, facts & disposition of the case. Following the presentation, lead a discussion about the conduct of the officers involved withing the ontext of ethics and professionalism in law enforcement.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

14. Visit a Foresnic Laboratory and make presentation to Post on any one element of forensic (i.e. fingerprints, DNA, digital evidence, impression and pattern evidence, etc.) processing and how first responders to a crime scene can best identify and preserve such evidence until crime scene specialists arrive.

Date Completed _____ Advisor Initials _____

Law Enforcement Career Achievement Award

Resources

Law Enforcement Exploring Program Guidelines

Law Enforcement Exploring Resource Guide for Adult Leaders

Law Enforcement Exploring Proficiency Awards requirements

exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/law-enforcement/

Qualifying Achievements

Advisors and adult leaders are permitted a reasonable degree of latitude in substituting or modifying non-required achievements that serve to meet the qualifying requirements for the Learning for Life Law Enforcement Career Achievement Award. In order to maintain the spirit and integrity of the award each Advisor and adult leader should judiciously exercise the authorization of any substitute or modification to an award achievement.

Requirements

An Explorer must complete nine (9) of the above outlined achievements, including the five (5) required achievements annotated with an asterisk (*), to earn the Law Enforcement Career Achievement Award. The Explorer's Post Advisor submits a Career Achievement Award application, certifying an Explorer has met all requirements for the award, and submits it to the local Learning for Life or Exploring representative for authorization of the award and to order the recognition certificate (Item No. 32194).