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Career Awareness Award

CAREER AWARENESS AWARD

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 youth. The following are the key components of the Career Awareness Award, which encourages young people to explore a variety of career options as they begin the journey of discovering their future. The purpose of the Career Awareness Award is to:

- Provide direction to Explorers registered in a club as they begin the career discovery journey.
- Motivate Explorers to discover new career opportunities.
- Recognize Explorers for significant community service.

REQUIREMENTS

To earn a Career Awareness Award, the candidate must provide 20 hours of community service and complete any 6 career missions. The adult leader certifies that each Explorer has satisfactorily performed 20 hours of community service and verifies that each candidate has completed at least 6 missions as described in this packet.

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

RECOGNITION

The Career Awareness Award Certificate, SKU 647686, requires the signatures of both the adult leader and the organization head. Certificates are available to order through your local Exploring office. Adult leaders may present them as merited. Explorers should be reminded to list this award on applications for participation in other programs in the future.

CAREER MISSIONS

The following career exploration missions are designed to introduce you to a variety of career fields. You must complete a minimum of six to qualify for this award. The mission marked with an asterisk (*) is mandatory and counts toward the six required missions. All these missions should be completed under the supervision of a Club Sponsor or parent/guardian. Due to the flexibility of the program, adult leaders are given a reasonable degree of latitude in substituting appropriate missions that serve to meet the requirements for the Career Awareness Award.

BEFORE STARTING EACH MISSION

Most of these missions require you to speak to someone in a specific career field. This will require you to introduce yourself before asking them to help you complete the mission. Follow the suggestions below to prepare your introduction. Then practice your introduction with your Club Sponsor or a parent/guardian before beginning each mission. Remember to follow Youth Protection policies and have another adult present when working on the mission.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION

- Look them in the eye, smile, and shake their hand
- Tell them your name and how old you are and ask them for their name
- Explain the purpose of the Exploring Career Awareness Award

AFTER COMPLETING EACH MISSION

Talk about the experience and what you learned with a parent/guardian, sibling, fellow Explorer, classmate, friend or Club Sponsor. Optional, but recommended, is a one page or less summary of each mission which will aide in preparation for mission #12.

Send a thank you note (email or handwritten note, mailed or hand-delivered) to each person that helped you complete the missions to earn the award.

CAREER MISSIONS

		DATE COMPLETE D	NAME OF PERSON YOU SPOKE TO
1	Visit with the CEO, COO or CFO of a hospital or clinic at their office. Learn about the career path to their current position.		
2	Call your local police or fire department and arrange for a police officer or firefighter to visit one of your Exploring Club meetings.		
3	Arrange a meeting with a Customer Service Manager at a retail store or restaurant. Discuss his or her experiences dealing with difficult customers and how they resolve their concerns.		
4	Arrange a visit to a construction site (new building, highways/roads, etc.) and introduce yourself to the supervisor. Find out about the different jobs that can be found at a construction site.		
5	Attend a school or community play or theatrical production. Arrange a meeting with the producer or director to discuss how he or she prepared for that career.		
6	Arrange a visit with a supervisor at a small airport. Learn about all the jobs that are critical to operating an airport.		
7	Schedule an appointment with a loan officer at a local bank and ask them how they determine whether to approve someone for a loan.		
8	Schedule a tour of either a local newspaper or TV news station. Ask either a news anchor or journalist how they pick news stories to share with the community.		
9	Dial 211 on your phone and ask what types of services are offered to families in need in your community.		
10	In an internet browser search "science careers [ENTER YOUR CITY & STATE]". Research three of the careers you find and report the educational requirements for each one to your Club Sponsor.		
11	Contact a local judge and ask him/her to introduce you to his/her bailiff and court reporter. Observe all three of their roles during a court proceeding.		
12 *	Produce a video of either yourself or a picture slideshow reflecting on 1) which career was most interesting to you, 2) one new thing you learned, and 3) something you learned about being a leader in the workplace.		