

THE DUKE OF ED PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

This form must be completed for ANY Participant **Under 18 Years Of Age**

I,
(full name of parent or guardian)

of.....
(address)

State: P/C.....

Tel Home: (.....)..... Mobile:

Email:

am the parent/guardian of (full participant name).
I consent to him/her participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia (the **Duke of Ed**) under the supervision of (name of **Licensed Operator**, the organisation running the Duke o Ed) and undertaking activities to fulfill the requirements of the Duke of Ed Program.

1. I have read and understand the requirements and conditions in this document for my son/daughter's participation in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia, as described on pages 3-4 of this document.
2. I will satisfy myself that any instructor or assessor chosen by the Participant who is not an employee of the Licensed Operator is qualified to instruct, supervise or assess the relevant section of the Award Program.
3. I consent to the Licensed Operator and any other individuals, including volunteers, who are involved in or assist in organising the Award Program, transporting the Participant for the purpose of participating in activities or functions related to the Award Program, as required. I understand that the Licensed Operator will notify me in advance of when and where such travel will occur.
4. I understand that certain activities in the High Risk Activities Schedule as described on the website <http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Parental-Permission.html> are not covered by the insurance arrangements of the National Award Authority (Excluded Activities). I understand that the responsibility for all risks arising from the Participant's participation in Excluded Activities is placed solely upon the Participant.
5. I authorise the Licensed Operator and any other individuals who participate in, are involved in or assist in organising the Award Program, in the event of any accident, injury, illness or loss suffered by the Participant whilst participating in, or travelling to and from, any activities or functions related to the Award Program, to obtain any necessary medical assistance or treatment including, but not limited to, engaging any doctors, nurses or hospital accommodation.

6. I consent to pay all such doctors, nurses or hospital accommodation fees and expenses incurred on behalf of the Participant as a result of any such accident, injury, illness or loss suffered by the Participant whilst participating in, or travelling to and from, any activities or functions related to the Award Program.

7. I consent to and understand that photographs may be taken of my son/daughter participating in certain activities related to the Award Program and such photographs may be used for promotional purposes.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date: / /

The Licensed Operator agrees to accept the above mentioned as a participant on the terms contained in this form.

Signed on behalf of
The Licensed Operator: Date: / /

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT TO THE LICENSED OPERATOR

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS (SCHEDULE 3 OF LICENCE)

1. I have read and understand the different levels and requirements of the Award Program set out in schedule 1 to this form (see pages 5 & 6).
2. I understand every participant must participate in the Award Program through a Licensed Operator who has the discretion to accept or reject participants and proposed activities to be undertaken as part of the Award Program.
3. I understand that I cannot:
 - participate in the Award Program until this form has been completed (including section 2 – Parental or Guardian Consent if I am aged under 18 years) and returned to the relevant Licensed Operator with the registration fee;
 - commence any particular section of the Award Program until I have satisfied myself that any instructor or assessor chosen by me is qualified to instruct, supervise or assess that section of the Award Program and until any relevant assessors, instructors or volunteers have completed and returned the required documentation to the Licensed Operator.
4. I understand that on payment of a registration fee I will receive a Record Book. I confirm I will read the requirements of the Award Program contained in the Record Book prior to commencing activities in relation to the Award Program. I understand that the Licensed Operator has the discretion to determine whether the Award Program requirements have been met and therefore whether a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award should be issued.
5. I understand that the National Award Authority provides participants with limited insurance in respect of personal accident and public liability (Insurance) commencing on the date of issue of the Record Book. Note that Services cadets are only covered by the Insurance when undertaking specific activities that are not under the guidance of the Australian Defence Force Cadets.
6. I have read and understand that certain activities in the High Risk Activities Schedule set out in schedule 2 are not covered by the Insurance of the National Award Authority (Excluded Activities). I understand that the responsibility for all risks arising from my participation in Excluded Activities is placed solely upon me.
7. I understand that:
 - a. a participant must not drive a motor vehicle or transport other participants participating in activities related to the Award Program, unless the participant holds an appropriate and valid driver's licence and there is appropriate third party insurance in place to cover any person injured as a consequence of the participant's driving; and
 - b. a participant must not be driven by any individual who is not involved in or assisting in organising the Award Program, for the purposes of participating in the Award Program unless the participant has viewed an appropriate and valid driver's licence and evidence of insurance to cover the risk of injury to any person as a consequence of the individual's driving.

8. I authorise employees, officers or agents of the Licensed Operator and any other individuals who participate in, are involved in or assist in organising the Award Program, in the event of any accident, injury, illness or loss suffered by me whilst participating in, or travelling to and from, any activities or functions related to the Award Program, to obtain any necessary medical assistance or treatment including, but not limited to, engaging any doctors, nurses or hospital accommodation.
9. I consent to pay all such doctors, nurses or hospital accommodation fees and expenses incurred on my behalf as a result of any such accident, injury, illness or loss suffered by me whilst participating in, or travelling to and from, any activities or functions related to the Award Program.
10. I understand that participants are required to and I undertake to comply with the Award Program requirements contained in the Record Book, the policies of the relevant National or State Award Authority (as amended from time to time) and requirements of the State Award Authority and Licensed Operator in relation to emergency plans, assessment of activities and the conduct of expeditions related to the Award Program and understand that the Licensed Operator may withdraw its approval to my participation in the Award Program if I do not comply.
11. I consent to and understand that photographs may be taken of me participating in certain activities related to the Award Program and such photographs may be used for promotional purposes.
12. I consent to the provision of any personal information that I have provided (including Participant Data) to the Licensed Operator, State or National Award Authorities. I consent to this information being treated in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Policy of the relevant National or State Award Authority (as amended from time to time), the National Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), and any other privacy legislation, standards, guidelines or instructions binding on them under privacy legislation.
13. Privacy: The National and State Award Authorities are committed to respecting your privacy. Your personal information is collected on this form for the purpose of your participation in the Award Program. If you do not provide this information to us, you may not be able to participate in the Award Program (note that non-provision of Participant Data does not have this consequence). We may also use your personal information to send you information about other Award Program activities or events which we believe may be of interest to you. We may disclose this information to other Australian and international organisations and service providers who assist us in the operation and administration of the Award Program. If you would like to contact us or access your personal information please write to the National Award Authority. You may also contact the National Award Authority and/or where applicable, State Award Authority to request a copy of their Privacy Policy.

The contact details of the State/Territory Award Authorities are set out on the website, located at <http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Your-StateTerritory.html>.

SCHEDULE 1: FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE AWARD

The International Declaration

The Award concept is one of individual challenge. It presents to young people a balanced, non-competitive program of voluntary activities that encourages personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility to themselves and service to their community.

The Fundamental Principles

- The criteria for gaining an Award is individual improvement through persistence and achievement, taking into account the Participant's initial capabilities, and without any element of competition between Participants
- Participation is entirely voluntary and the individual Participant has a completely free choice in the selection of the locally available options within the four sections (five for Gold)
- There is no discrimination against participation on grounds of sex, race religion or political affiliation

The Operational Principles

Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 25.

- The basic structure of The Award program consists of the four mandatory sections: Fitness (Physical Recreation), Skill, Volunteering (Service), and Adventurous Journey
- There are three levels of The Award: Bronze (for those 14 and over), Silver (for those 15 and over), and Gold (for those 16 and over)
- The minimum period of participation for direct entrants to qualify for an Award is 6 months for Bronze, 12 months for Silver, and 18 months for Gold
- At Gold level Participants must undertake a Residential Project away from home

Section	What it's about for Participants
Fitness / Physical Recreation	Break a sweat and improve your physical fitness. This could be through a team sport, individual pursuit or simply getting out there and working up a sweat.
Skill	Unleash your talents and broaden your abilities. Anything from refereeing, to DJing, to learning a musical instrument or jewellery-making. Do your thing.
Volunteering	Connect with your community and realize your passions. Any area of interest in the community, such as youth work, the environment or charity work.
Adventurous Journey	Discover your sense of adventure and bond with your mates. A journey into an unfamiliar environment with a group – bushwalking, canoeing, cycling, an urban adventure – staying overnight and testing your resilience.
Residential Journey	An additional section for Gold only. Broaden your horizons and open your eyes to the world. In Australia or anywhere else around the globe, limited only by your imagination.

Minimum Timescales for each Level by Section

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Fitness / Physical Recreation	3 months	6 months	12 months
Skill	3 months	6 months	12 months
Volunteering	3 months	6 months	12 months
Plus for the major section	All Participants must complete an additional 3 months in either Fitness, Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering.	Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Fitness, Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering.	Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Fitness, Physical Recreation, Skill or Volunteering. Please note that Participants who have completed Bronze but not Silver must undertake the additional 6 months for one Section.
Adventurous Journey	2 days + 1 night	3 days + 2 nights	4 days + 3 nights
Residential Project	N/A	N/A	5 days + 4 nights
Minimum age to start	14 years	15 years	16 years
Minimum age to finish (without exception)	14 years, 6 months	Bronze Award holders: 15 years, 6 months. Direct entrants: 16 years.	Silver Award holders: 17 years. Direct entrants: 17 years, 6 months.