

VENTURING

GOLD AWARD



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FACT SHEET

Background and Purpose

The Venturing Gold Award replaces the Exploring G.O.L.D. Award that was introduced in 1996. It was extremely well received and valued by those who earned it. One new requirement has been added to create the new Venturing Gold Award. That requirement is to earn the Venturing Bronze Award.

The Venturing Gold Award program was developed to recognize the significant accomplishment in a Venturer's life as he or she has proven outstanding performance in a broad spectrum of activities. These activities relate to Venturing's six experience areas of leadership, citizenship, social, outdoor, service, and fitness. It will challenge and motivate Venturers over an extended period.

It will provide a favorable image of the Venturing program among youth, parents, schools, and our communities. It will offer challenging and stimulating opportunities for Venturers to develop and achieve personal goals in the areas of leadership, character development, and personal fitness.

Requirements Overview

- Venturing Gold Award candidates must be active and registered Venturers for at least twelve months before final qualification.
- They must earn at least one Venturing Bronze Award.
- They must serve in a leadership role within the twelve months before final qualification.
- They must participate in a district, council, or national Venturing event or activity.
- They must set and accomplish one personal goal related to each of the six experience areas.
- They must plan and lead at least two crew activities built around the six experience areas.
- They must recite the Venturing Oath.
- Three letters of recommendation from adults outside of the crew are required, and the candidate must make an oral presentation to a crew review committee.
- They must be approved and recommended by their crew committee.

Procedure

Venturing Gold Award candidates must submit a written petition to their crew Advisor in which they should outline their plans and ambitions for their projects to achieve the award. Advisors are encouraged to have a conference with each candidate to ensure that the Venturer has developed a well-conceived plan, and that he or she has specific goals in mind. The Advisor approves the plan. After council approval, the council issues the award.

Suggested Qualifying Activities

Because of the designed, flexible nature of the program, crew Advisors and crew committee members are permitted a reasonable degree of latitude in approving activities that serve to meet the qualifying requirements for the Gold Award in the areas of leadership, personal growth, and crew activity projects. Likewise, crew Advisors, crew committee members, and Venturers are encouraged to seek out additional appropriate activities, bearing in mind the purpose of the Gold Award program.

NOTE: The Gold Award is recognized nationally; however, the program is administered and approved, and recognition is made, at the local council level.

Recognition

After many months of determined service and leadership, the Venturing Gold Award should be presented in a setting worthy of the award. Suggested occasions include high school assemblies, religious services, and council Venturing events. The award may be presented more than once. The award is a gold medal featuring the Venturing logo inside a compass dial. The medal is suspended from a white ribbon worn on the left pocket of the Venturing field uniform on special occasions. For daily wear, a white ribbon device similar to the Bronze awards may be worn. It is worn above the left uniform pocket on the same rack with the Bronze awards. A certificate is also available.

Supply Information

Councils (only) may order the Gold Award from the BSA National Distribution Center:

- Gold Award Medal, No. 04187
- Gold Award Bar (white), No. 04200A
- Gold Award Certificate, No. 33665
- Gold Award Pocket Card, No. 33648

