



The Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is the highest Congressional honor for America's youth. It is a public-private partnership created by the United States Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative, and service in America's young people.

The Congressional Award is unique, as it provides a structure for young Americans to learn the value of service, personal development, fitness, and citizenship through character forming experiences that shape tomorrow's leaders and our country's future.



A young person is not selected to receive the Congressional Award, they earn it. The Congressional Award is open equally to all between the ages of 13 ½ to 24. To earn a Congressional Award, participants must complete self-selected goals and activities in each of the four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

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