



## Queen's Scout Award Quick Guide 2017

Getting Started with the Queen's Scout Award	
Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ You can register from your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.</li> <li>➤ Register online at <a href="http://www.scouts.org.uk/gsa">www.scouts.org.uk/gsa</a>.</li> <li>➤ You can backdate activities 3 months from date of registration (but not before 16<sup>th</sup> birthday).</li> </ul>
DofE Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Register at <a href="http://www.hsdofo.org">www.hsdofo.org</a>.</li> <li>➤ The DofE Gold exempts you from the 5 QSA challenges.</li> </ul>
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Download the Reach the Top resource at <a href="http://www.scouts.org.uk/gsa">www.scouts.org.uk/gsa</a> for full requirements (refer to website as IVE list out of date).</li> <li>➤ For local support please email <a href="mailto:gsa@hampshirescouts.org.uk">gsa@hampshirescouts.org.uk</a>.</li> </ul>

The QSA Requirements	
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The award is for young people aged 16-25.</li> <li>➤ You must be a member of Explorers/Network for 18 months from date of registration.</li> <li>➤ You can take a break in membership.</li> </ul>
Nights Away	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Undertake 18 nights away, at least 12 of which must be camping.</li> <li>➤ You can include nights away as an Explorer Scout, Network Scout or Young Leader/Leader.</li> <li>➤ This can include nights away used for the Chief Scout Platinum or Diamond awards.</li> <li>➤ You cannot use nights away from other sections of the QSA i.e. the expedition, residential or International, Community or Values activities.</li> </ul>
International, Community & Values challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Complete 6 challenges from the ICV list, two from each challenge area.</li> <li>➤ If you have completed the CSA Platinum or Diamond award you are exempted from 2 challenges per award gained. The QSA challenges should be different from those used from the previous award and there should be a balance across the challenge areas between the awards.</li> </ul>
PTO for ICV lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ You cannot use activities used for another requirement of QSA/DofE.</li> </ul>
QSA challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Complete the 5 QSA challenges (Volunteering, Skill, Physical, Expedition and Residential). Use the QSA/DofE guidelines.</li> <li>➤ The Skill / Physical – one for 6 months, the other for 12 months.</li> <li>➤ The Volunteering must be for 12 months.</li> <li>➤ If you have not completed the CSA Platinum or Silver DofE you must do an additional 6 months on the longer of the Physical/Skill or the Volunteering section to make it 18 months long.</li> <li>➤ You are expected to give, on average, one hour per week per section.</li> </ul>
Skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Take up a Skill for 6 or 12 months and show progress and lasting interest. The skill can be an existing interest or something new.</li> </ul>
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Take up a physical activity for 6 or 12 months, completed an agreed programme by taking part and achieving your objectives.</li> </ul>
Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provide service to an individual or the community for 12 months. Briefing and training should be given in order to gain the necessary skills. This may include helping another section of the movement.</li> </ul>



<b>Expedition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ You must complete the training listed in the Reach the Top resources</li> <li>➤ Undertake a 3 day, 2 night practice expedition or exploration in Wild Country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy.</li> <li>➤ Undertake a 4-day, 3 night qualifying expedition or exploration with an aim in Wild Country by the method used in your practice.</li> <li>➤ Each expedition day should be 8 hours long, with at least half the time journeying.</li> <li>➤ You need to complete a report back on your project after the expedition.</li> </ul>
<b>Residential</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Undertake a 5 day and 4 night residential project in an unfamiliar environment where the majority of people are not known to you. This project could be environmental work, activity based, service to others or personal training. In exceptional circumstances, the residential can be done on 2 occasions, as long as the same activity is completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation &amp; Sign off</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Make a presentation covering all elements of your award to a suitable audience, with the aim of inspiring and motivating others to achieve the award. This should be the final activity you complete.</li> <li>➤ Complete the Certificate Request Form and ask your ACC Explorers (under 18), ACC Network (over 18) or ACC Top Awards to sign off. Email <a href="mailto:gsa@hampshirescouts.org.uk">gsa@hampshirescouts.org.uk</a> to arrange this.</li> </ul>
<b>International Challenges</b>  <small>This section is all about exploration – both around global issues and taking part in international opportunities.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Complete your Explorer Belt, or be a mentor to an Explorer Belt Team.</li> <li>&gt; Take an active part in a project with an overseas aid organisation. Present your experience to your unit / relevant audience / another section.</li> <li>&gt; Take an active part in a camp in another country, for instance, a Jamboree or Moot. Present your experience to your unit / relevant audience / another section.</li> <li>&gt; Take an active part in an International Camp in the United Kingdom in a role other than "Participant".</li> <li>&gt; Take part in a project at a campsite abroad, such as Kandersteg.</li> <li>&gt; Organise a series of 6 evening programmes for your Unit or another section on an international theme agreed with your mentor.</li> <li>&gt; Complete the Scouts of the World Award.</li> <li>&gt; Complete any activity of a similar nature agreed beforehand, and registered with your mentor.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Challenges</b>  <small>This section is all about you developing your knowledge and skills, and putting them into practice to make a real difference and impact on your local community.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Research and take part in a local environmental or community based project to make an improvement to the environment or the community. This could be within Scouting or another organisation. Present your experience to your unit or Scout Network.</li> <li>&gt; Complete the requirements of the Community Impact Staged Activity Badge – Stage 4.</li> <li>&gt; Take an active role in growing and developing Scouting in your local community.</li> <li>&gt; Complete the Scouts of the World Award.</li> <li>&gt; Complete any activity of a similar nature agreed beforehand, and registered with your mentor.</li> </ul>
<b>Values Challenges</b>  <small>This section is all about you reflecting upon your own and others beliefs and exploring what the Scouting Values mean to you.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Take a regular part in leading time for spiritual reflection for others, this could be within or outside of Scouting, for example at a place of worship.</li> <li>&gt; Take an active part in a project examining your own faith or beliefs and understanding how they do or have impacted upon you. Discuss your experience with your mentor/present your experience to a relevant audience.</li> <li>&gt; Run a series of activities with another section, to explore the Scouting Values and what they mean to you and other. Reflect on how you live by the Scouting values and discuss with your mentor.</li> <li>&gt; Organise a series of six evening programmes for your unit or another section to explore different faiths and beliefs.</li> <li>&gt; Complete the Scouts of the World Award.</li> <li>&gt; Complete any activity of a similar nature agreed beforehand, and registered with your mentor.</li> </ul>