

PRIEST DUTY TO GOD AND VENTURING AWARDS

- **VENTURING AWARDS ARE STEPPING STONES TO THE
PRIEST'S DUTY TO GOD AWARD**

- **RELIGIOUS LIFE BRONZE AWARD – 6 MONTHS**
GOLD AWARD – 12 MONTHS
SILVER AWARD – 18 MONTHS
DUTY TO GOD AWARD – 24 MONTHS

- **DUTY TO GOD AWARD REQUIREMENTS SATISFY
VENTURING AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

- **VENTURING AWARDS RECOGNIZE AND ENCOURAGE
PROGRESS ON DUTY TO GOD AWARD**

- **VENTURING AWARD REQUIREMENTS CAN PROVIDE
PRIEST QUORUM WEEKDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAM
THAT SATISFY DUTY TO GOD REQUIREMENTS**

**AARONIC PRIESTHOOD PRIESTS QUORUM -
VENTURING BRONZE, GOLD, AND SILVER AWARDS and
 THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD DUTY TO GOD AWARD**

Completing Venturing Award requirements can also complete Duty to God Award requirements, and visa versa. Presented below are activities and projects that meet the requirements of both awards. BSA Policy permits modifying the Venturing Youth Ministry Bronze Award requirements so that they can accommodate LDS requirements and the Aaronic Priesthood Duty to God Award requirements.

Some of the Venturing award requirements, completed as a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout, can also be counted as completion of a Venturing award requirement, such as earning the “On My Honor” award, Life Saving or the First Aid Merit Badge.

The Duty to God Award permits modifying the requirements under the Personal Goals categories (Spiritual Development; Physical Development; Educational, Personal, and Career Development; Citizenship and Social Development) to accept applicable Venturing Award requirement completion as completion of a requirement in these Personal Goal categories. These are identified below as SD 13, PD 13, EPCD 13, and CSD 13. There can also be 14, 15, 16, and so on in each of these Personal Goal categories to give Duty to God credit for completion of applicable Venturing Award requirements.

Requirements:

Venturing Religious Life Bronze Award (do any 9 of the following 11 requirements)	Duty to God Aaronic Priesthood Award (page numbers given are in the Duty to God Booklet) (Family Activities = FA; Quorum Activities = QA; Spiritual Development = SD; Physical Development = PD; Educational, Personal, and Career Development = EPCD; Citizenship and Social Development = CSD)
1. Earn or have earned the “On My Honor” award or earn the “Duty to God” award.	EPCD 13 or CSD 13
2. a. (Cultural Diversity) – CSD 10 b. Make a display for your Quorum/ Crew about another culture or arrange a discussion for your Quorum/Crew with a returned missionary who has served in another culture	CSD 10 – Talk to a Priesthood leader (or returned missionary) about the culture of a country or countries in which full time missionaries are serving
3. Plan and lead a service project	Complete the Duty to God Service Project, page 26, minimum 30 hours; Or any: SD 3, 4, 9; QA 7; CSD 7, 11, 12 - if you help plan and lead the project. The Eagle Scout Service Project may satisfy this requirement if completed while a Priest or Venturer.

4. a. Serve as Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood for 3 months b. Keep a journal of your experiences c. Share your journal with your advisor	Fill the “My Personal Journal” section, pages 27-31. Show it to your advisor or Bishop and discuss it with him.
5. Attend a Youth Conference or “Especially For Youth” (EFY)	SD 13 – attend Youth Conference or EFY
6. (Religious, moral, or ethical presentation or performance)	SD 1 – speak in quorum or sacrament meeting about the importance of honesty and integrity in daily life, Or any: QA 2 or 6; SD 5; PD 6; EPCD 9, 12, 13 – sing in the ward choir or participate in a special musical number.
7. Serve as a president, officer, or other leader in your Quorum, Crew, Sunday School Class, or Seminary Class	EPCD 13 or CSD 13
8. Complete a standard first aid course or equivalent (having earned the First Aid Merit Badge as a Scout, Varsity, or Venturer satisfies this requirement)	PD 13 or EPCD 13
9. (Ethical Controversy)	FA 2 – Read <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> and discuss with your parents your experiences in living the gospel standards, Or any: FA 5, 6; QA 5; CSD 2
10. (Serve as a teacher)	FA 4 (teach 4 Family Home Evenings) Or any: AQ 3, 5; SD 2, 11
11. Talk with the Bishop or advisor about how the Church is organized and run; talk about how to prepare for a mission and to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood	EPCD 13 or CSD 13
VENTURNG GOLD AWARD	
Be a registered Venturer for 12 months	
A. Serve as a president, officer, or other leader in your Quorum, Crew, Sunday School Class, or Seminary Class, or in School or Sports (completing Bronze Award requirement 7 satisfies this Requirement)	EPCD 13 or CSD 13
B. Participate in a Scout District, Council, Area, Regional, or National Event	PD 10 – camping or outing , Or any: PD 12, 13, EPCD 13, or CSD 13
C. 6 Personal Growth Objectives (Earning your Eagle Scout Badge or advancing one rank toward your Eagle can be one of these objectives, and can be EPCD 13 or CSD 13, if you completed this requirement while you are a Venturer or Priest)	Any 6: FA 1, 5; QZ 3, 5, 6; SD 2, 5, 10, 11; PD all; EPCD all; most CSD

D. Plan, prepare for, and lead Two Crew/Quorum Activities	Any 2: PD 7, 9, 10, 12, 13; CSD 1, 6, 7, 9
F. Recite the Venturing Oath from memory	CSD 13 or EPCD 13
G. Three letters of Recommendation	
H. Gold Award Qualification Written Presentation (journal or notebook telling about accomplishing A, B, C, and D above)	CSD 13 or EPCD 13; can be part of the “My Personal Journal” section, “My Accomplishments” page 30.
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VENTURING SILVER AWARD	
1. Earned a Venturing Bronze Award (Youth Ministry, Sports, Arts and Hobbies, Outdoor, or Sea Scout)	EPCD 13 or CSD 13 (or PD 13 if you earned the Venturing Bronze Award for Sports, Arts and Hobbies, Outdoor, or Sea Scouts)
2. <u>Emergency Preparedness:</u>	
2a. Completed a standard first aid or equivalent course (completing the Venturing Youth Ministry Bronze Award Requirement 8 can also satisfies this Silver Award requirement)	PD 13 or EPCD 13
2b. Completed CPR certification	PD 13 or EPCD 13
2c. Completed BSA Safe Swim Defense Training course	PD 13 or EPCD 13
2d. Led or participated in a group swim using the BSA Safe Swim Defense rules (if you have participated in BSA Scout Camp or BSA High Adventure swim using these rules, you have meet this Requirement)	PD 13 or EPCD 13
3. <u>Leadership:</u>	
3a. Completed the Venturing Leadership Skills Course	EPCD 13 or SCD 13
3b. Served for at least 6 months in an elected or appointed crew, district, or council leadership position. Time spent satisfying Bronze Award requirement 1 and Gold Award requirement A can be counted.	EPCD 13 or SCD 13
4. <u>Ethics in Action:</u>	
4a. Participated in a least two ethical controversies, which are group discussions of the pro and cons on an ethical question from pages 211-241 of the Venturing Leader Manual (BSA Publication No. 34655B), or you or your advisor can introduce your own ethical dilemmas to discuss the ethical solutions.	FA 2 – Read <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> and discuss with your parents your experiences in living the gospel standards, will meet this requirement. If you did this for the Bronze Award, it can satisfy this requirement. Or any: FA 5, 6; QA 5; CSD 2. If Venturing ethical controversy topics are used, they can be credited for SD 13, EPCD 13, or CSD 13.

<p>4b. Organized and led or helped organize and lead an Ethics Forum, which is a Quorum or Crew or Young Men, or a Young Men and Young Women meeting, where ethical standards or <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> standards, or Gospel principles of personal conduct are presented by a speaker, panel, teacher, or discussed by the group. a Priest who helps organize, conduct, or speak at one of these events, satisfies this requirement.</p>	<p>Sunday Evening Discussion or Quorum or Crew discussions where <i>For the Strength of Youth</i> standards are discussed and the Priest organized and conducted the event or helped to organize and conduct the event can meet this requirement. SD 13, EPCD 13, or CSD 13</p>
<p>5. Earned the Venturing Gold Award</p>	<p>EPCD 13 or CSD 13</p>
<p>6. Crew Silver Award Application Review</p>	

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NOTES:

Details on the Venturing Awards and the award application forms can be found in the Venturer Handbook, BSA Publication No. 33493, cost \$6.55, or the Venturing Leader Manual, BSA Publication No. 34655B, cost \$8.50. These are available from the Council Scout Shop which is located in the Council Headquarters building in Bethesda, Maryland. It is open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday and open on Thursday until 9:00 pm, and open Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Telephone number 301-564-1091. These can also be ordered from the BSA National Distribution Center at 1-800-323-0732.

To obtain the Venturing Award medals, ribbon devises, ribbon holder bar pins, cloth knot, and certificates, a BSA advancement report is turned in to the Council at the Scout Shop. The Gold and Silver award applications must be submitted with the advancement report to the Council Program Department for approval before going to the Scout Shop to obtain the Gold or Silver Award. You can hand deliver these forms to Program Department during regular weekday office hours or you may mail them to the Program Department. A certificate will be issued by the Scout Shop, free of charge, but the medals and other award devises must be purchased. The Bronze Award is a medal on a green and white ribbon with a device attached for each award category. There is also is a ribbon devise. The Gold Award is a medal and a white ribbon devise. The Silver award is a medal and cloth knot. The Gold Award requires a personal appearance Board of Review. The Silver Award requires an application Board of Review. The Bronze Award does not require a board of review.

Details on the Aaronic Priesthood Duty to God Award and the award record book can be found in the guidebook, Aaronic Priesthood: Fulfilling our Duty to God (Priests), LDS Publication No. 36414, available from the Church Distribution Center. The award and certificate are obtained through the Bishop.