



# Summit Award

## Venturing Award Checklist



This Checklist can help you document your progress as you work toward earning the award.  
The Venturer must do each requirement.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in the **Venturing Guidebook**.  
The requirements were last revised in 2014 • This workbook was updated in November 2016.

Venturer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Adventure

1. Participate in at least three additional (for a total of seven) Tier II or Tier III adventures at the crew, district, council, area, regional, or national level. To earn the Summit Award, a Venturer must have participated in at least one Tier III adventure and served as a leader during one adventure.

	Date	Tier	Level	Description	Leader?
1.					<input type="checkbox"/>
2.					<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Leadership

2. Complete Mentoring training prior to initiating mentoring relationships.  
Date:
3. Since earning the Pathfinder Award, mentor another Venturer in the planning and implementation of a crew, council, area, regional, or national Venturing activity (see Summit Adventure requirement 1). Work with the youth enough to ensure he or she is ready to lead and has organized the appropriate resources, is prepared for contingencies, and has developed an itinerary, conducted training to support the adventure, and mitigated risk before and during the adventure. Participate in the adventure and provide feedback on how the adventure was conducted.

Date:  Venturer that was mentored:

Event:

4. Complete two of the following.
- a. Since earning the Pathfinder Award, serve actively as your crew president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, guide, historian, den chief, or quartermaster for a period of at least six months.\* At the beginning of your term, work with your crew president (or Advisor, if you are the president) to set performance goals for the position. Any number of different positions may be held as long as the total length of service equals at least six months. Holding simultaneous positions does not shorten the required number of months. Positions need not flow from one to the other; there may be gaps in time.

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Position	Start Date	End Date	Length of Term

Once during your term of office, discuss your successes and challenges with your crew president (or Advisor, if you are the president).

Date:


- b. Participate in or serve on staff for leadership training such as National Youth Leadership Training, Kodiak Challenge, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar, Sea Scout SEAL Training, or Wood Badge (for Venturers 18 or older). You may also participate in non-BSA leadership training courses such as those delivered by the National Outdoor Leadership School, if approved by your Advisor. This must be a different training course than you completed for Pathfinder Award requirement 4(b) or Summit Award requirement 4(c).

Course Title	Position	Dates

- c. Lead the delivery of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews for members of your Venturing crew or another local Venturing crew or for a local district or council training event.

Date:

After leading the training course, discuss with your crew Advisor how you believe you helped build the skill set of your crew and what you learned by organizing the training course.

Date:


- 5. Since earning the Pathfinder Award, complete a structured personal reflection. Use this reflection to prepare for goal-setting and as part of your Advisor conference. Explore two of the following areas: Development of Faith,\*\* Development of Self, or Development of Others. You may explore two different areas or explore one area twice.

Date:


- 6. Create a personal code of conduct. This code of conduct should be guided by your explorations in the areas of faith, self, and others.

Date:


- 7. Since earning the Pathfinder Award, lead an ethical controversy and conflict resolution scenario with members of your Venturing crew.

Date:  Topic:

**Service**

- 8. Since earning the Pathfinder Award, plan, develop, and conduct a service project as described in the Venturing Summit Award Service Project Workbook (512-938). Before you start, have the project proposal form from the workbook completed and approved by those benefitting from the effort, your Advisor, and designated crew or ship youth leadership. This project must be a different service project than one carried out for the Eagle Scout award, the Sea Scout Quartermaster Award, or the Girl Scout Gold Award.

### Advisor Conference and Board of Review

Upon completion of the Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth, and Service requirements, complete the following.

9. Participate in an Advisor conference. As a part of this conference, share your code of conduct with your Advisor, and explain how your explorations of faith, self, and others, and your goal-setting exercises, influenced the development of your code.

Date:

10. After your Advisor conference, successfully complete a crew board of review.

Date:

\*Venturers may substitute district, council, area, regional, or national Venturing officer or cabinet positions for the positions listed in this requirement.

\*\*Venturers may, but are not required to share the personal reflection associated with Development of Faith with their Advisor during the Advisor conference, or during a board of review.

\*\*\*For guidelines on the composition of the Summit Board of Review, See below.

#### NOTE:

A Venturer may apply previous Venturing experiences to receive credit for requirements 1, 4, and 7. The "Since earning the Pathfinder Award" portion of requirement 4a will be waived for Venturers who completed these requirements prior to June 1, 2014.

All other requirements must be completed after June 1, 2014.

## Summit Board of Review Membership Guidelines

For the Summit Award, the board of review will be conducted according to the BSA Guide to Advancement

The board of review must consist of at least five, but no more than six, members. At least half of the board of review members, excluding the chair, must be Venturers currently participating in the program.

The candidate's crew president (or vice president of administration, if the candidate is the crew president) and the chair of the board of review must agree upon the board's final membership makeup. If the chair and the crew president (or vice president of administration) cannot agree, the candidate's Advisor will make the final determination of board membership, including members previously considered by the crew president and chair.

**Board of Review Chair.** The adult chair of the board of review shall be a Venturing-certified member of the district or local council advancement committee or a designated Venturing-certified representative. "Venturing-certified" means that the person has completed Venturing Awards and Recognition training.

**Venturer Representatives.** The board of review should include at least two active Venturers, at least one of whom must be from the candidate's crew. Other Venturing members of the board of review should be selected from the following list

- A current holder of the Summit Award or Silver Award
- A member of the council, area, or region Venturing Officers Association or equivalent
- A Venturer who currently holds an elected office in a crew
- An Eagle Scout, Quartermaster, or Girl Scout Gold award recipient who is an active Venturer

In the event the chair determines that no Venturer is available who meets one of these qualifications, the crew president may nominate another Venturer from the candidate's crew to serve on the board of review.

**Adult Representatives.** Other than the chair, the board of review should include at least one adult who is registered with the BSA and who participates regularly with the Venturing program at any level.

**Community Representatives.** It is recommended that the board of review involve at least one well-respected adult representative of the community.

**Important excerpts from the Guide To Advancement - 2015, No. 33088 (SKU-620573)****[1.0.0.0] — Introduction**

The current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals and previous editions of the *Guide to Advancement*.

**[Page 2, and 5.0.1.4] — Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program**

**No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements.** There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with special needs. For details see section 10, "Advancement for Members With Special Needs".

**[Page 2] — The "Guide to Safe Scouting" Applies**

Policies and procedures outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects.

In addition to the excerpts above, Summit Award candidates should review and pay particular attention to the following portions of the Guide to Advancement, which are too lengthy to reproduce here:

**4.0.0.0 Section 4. The Mechanics of Advancement****4.3.2.0 The Venturing Summit Award Service Project****4.3.2.1 Service Project Focus Areas****4.3.2.2 Restrictions and Other Considerations****4.3.2.3 Evaluating the Summit Award Service Project After Completion****Section 8. Boards of Review: An Overview for All Ranks****8.0.5.0 Venturing Boards of Review****8.0.5.1 Purpose and Timeliness of Venturing Boards of Review****8.0.5.2 Conducting the Venturing Board of Review****8.0.5.3 What Should Be Discussed at a Venturing Board of Review****8.0.5.4 Majority Vote Is Required for Approval of Venturing Advancement****8.0.5.5 After the Venturing Board of Review****8.0.7.0 Particulars for the Summit Award****8.0.7.1 Initiating Summit Award Boards of Review Under Disputed Circumstances****8.0.7.2 Summit Award Boards of Review Beyond the 21st Birthday**