

2017 National Exploring Journey to Excellence Award

Post Number _____ Post Name _____

City _____ State _____ Northern Star Council #250

Item Number	Objective	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Bronze Points	Silver Points	Gold Points
1	Open House: Conduct an Open House or recruitment event.	Conduct an annual recruitment event & increase membership by +1 youth compared to previous year-end.	Conduct an annual recruitment event & increase membership by 4 youth compared to previous year-end.	Conduct an annual recruitment event & increase membership by 8 youth compared to previous year-end.	100	200	300
2	Post Program: Include interactive activities in the Post program / meetings.	40% of meetings include interactive activities	70% of meetings include interactive activities	85% of meetings include interactive activities	100	200	300
3	Adult Leadership: Have registered and engaged adult leaders.	Have 5 registered adult leaders including: Advisor, Associate Advisor, Committee Chair, and two committee members.	Have 6 registered adult leaders including: Advisor, Associate Advisor, Committee Chair, and two committee members.	Have 7 or more registered adult leaders including: Advisor, Associate Advisor, Committee Chair, and two committee members.	100	200	300
4	Trained Adults: Have trained adult leaders.	40% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader training.	60% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader training.	80% of registered adults have completed Adult Explorer Leader training.	100	200	300
5	Youth leadership: Have trained youth leadership.	Have a post President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (or career field equivalent).	Achieve Bronze, plus Post Officers' Seminar is conducted for all youth officers.	Achieve silver, plus Youth Leadership Workshop is conducted.	100	200	300
6	Post Committee: The post committee will meet throughout the year.	The post committee meets at least twice a year.	The post committee meets at least four times a year.	The post committee meets at least six times a year.	100	200	300
7	On-time renewal: All renewal paperwork will be completed correctly and submitted on time.	Complete annual post renewal, obtain all signatures, and submit paperwork and fees to the local office prior to current renewal expiration.	Complete annual post renewal, obtain all signatures, and submit paperwork and fees to the local office prior to current renewal expiration two years in a row including this year.	Complete annual post renewal, obtain all signatures, and submit paperwork and fees to the local office prior to current renewal expiration three years in a row including this year.	75	125	200
8	Executive Officer Visit: Visit with the executive officer of the participating organization regarding Exploring.	Adult leaders meet at least once annually with the executive officer of the participating organization to discuss the post activities and support of corporate mission.	Adult leaders and the post President (or equivalent) meet at least once annually with the executive officer of the participating organization to discuss the post activities and support of corporate mission.	Adult leaders and multiple youth officers meet at least once annually with the executive officer of the participating organization to discuss the post activities and support of corporate mission.	75	125	200
9	Super activity: The post plans and/or participates in a super activity.	Explorers participate in an activity, either nationally, regionally or locally.	The post will plan and conduct its own Super Activity.	Silver level with at least 50% Explorer attendance.	50	100	150
10	Service projects: The post participates in one or more community service projects. The total community service hours for our post was _____ hours. Completed Community Service Forms are required to receive credit for hours claimed for this objective.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging 3 hours per registered Explorer.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging 4 hours per registered Explorer.	Explorers performed one or more community service projects averaging 6 hours per registered Explorer.	50	100	150

Bronze: Earn at least 850 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

Silver: Earn at least 1,400 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

Gold: Earn at least 2,000 points by earning points in at least 8 objectives.

Total points _____

We certify that these requirements have been completed.

Post # _____

Youth Leader _____

Level achieved Bronze Silver Gold

Post Advisor _____

Did not achieve _____

LFL representative _____

Date _____

National Exploring Journey to Excellence Award

2017 Post Performance Recognition Program

The new National Exploring Journey to Excellence Award changes the basic way we measure and recognize success in Exploring. Posts can qualify for a Bronze, Silver, or Gold level of achievement. The objectives were developed following extensive research into proven indicators of enduring post programs. Below provides specific information to help you understand the criteria and exactly what data are used to determine the three levels of performance. In planning your strategy, use actual numbers from the previous renewal year to chart your progress. Use the criteria in planning your strategy for the coming year to guide your performance improvement. The post youth officers should take the lead in making this assessment.

1	The post annually conducts an Open House or similar recruiting event resulting in a minimum of +1 youth based on 12/31/16 youth membership. This is a proven indicator of post success.
2	Post meetings consist of interactive activities to engage Explorers beyond lectures, reading handouts, or watching slide shows. This is a proven indicator of post success.
3	Four registered adults are required to organize a post, but additional adults are a proven indicator of post success and longevity.
4	A percentage of registered leaders have completed Adult Explorer Leader Training. This is a proven indicator of post success and longevity.
5	The post provides youth leadership opportunities and training. This is a proven indicator of post success.
6	Have an active post committee that meets throughout the year to support the post program.
7	Complete annual post renewal, obtain all signatures, and submit paperwork and fees to the local office prior to current renewal expiration. Qualify for Bronze if renewed on time in 2016 but NOT in 2015. Qualify for Silver if renewed on time in 2016 and 2015. Qualify for Gold if renewed on time in 2016, 2015 and 2014.
8	Leaders meet annually with the executive officer of the participating organization to discuss post activities and post support of the corporate mission. Qualify for Bronze if only adult leaders meet with the executive officer. Qualify for Silver or Gold if the meeting includes certain youth officers.
9	A Super Activity is a major trip, activity, or project requiring advanced planning and promotion by Explorers. Qualify for Bronze by participating in an activity planned by another group.
10	The post participates in one or more community service projects during the year. The projects may be completed as joint projects with other organizations. Criteria are based on average hours per Explorer, not total hours for each Explorer.

Scoring the Post's performance: Using the above explanations, on the front of this form, circle the points earned for each of the ten objectives. Add the points for each individual objective to determine total points. Count only the highest point total achieved for each objective. Unlike the previous National Exploring Excellence Award, there are no required objectives, however, Posts must earn points in at least eight of the ten objectives. Bronze level requires earning at least 850 points, Silver level requires earning at least 1,400 points, and Gold level requires earning at least 2,000 points. Circle the qualifying level on the front of this form and obtain the appropriate signatures.

