



## Queen's Venturer Award

### FAQ's

#### **What is the deadline for submitting my paperwork?**

A Venturer Scout has up to three months *after* moving on from the Section to complete the Award and submit the required form. In other words, if an 18 year-old registers for Rover Scouts on September 1, he or she can continue to work on the Queen's Venturer Award until December 1 of that year.

If a Venturer Scout has nearly completed the Queen's Venturer Award requirements, he or she should be allowed and encouraged to attend the ceremony; the Venturer Scout can complete the unfinished requirements after the ceremony, on Scout's honour. If a Venturer Scout is not particularly close to completing the requirements of the Queen's Venturer Award when an awards ceremony is planned, the Venturer Scout should still be encouraged to work towards achieving it. The Venturer Scout should understand that they will have an opportunity to be recognized at a future ceremony.

#### **Who, ideally, should present the Queen's Venturer Award?**

The cloth emblem itself, worn on the uniform, is presented by the Company Advisor, ideally in front of the Company or the entire Group at a meaningful occasion, such as at a Group ceremony, on an outing, or at a camp.

The certificate, signed by the Chief Scout, should be presented at a public ceremony. There is no single "ideal" presenter for the Queen's Venturer Award certificate. The Company Advisor is a perfectly acceptable presenter. It is common, however, for a known and respected dignitary to present the Queen's Venturer Award certificate, to lend the importance of the title and office to the ceremony. Depending on circumstance, Councils or Areas can work to have the Queen, the Chief Scout, the Patron Scout (the Governor General), the Provincial Lieutenant Governor, the National Commissioner, the Prime Minister, the Provincial Premier, or the Mayor present the Queen's Venturer Award certificate.

#### **What is the Area's role in ensuring compliance with the requirements for the Queen's Venturer Award? How about the Council?**

As Scouters and fellow Venturer Scouts know the Venturer Scout who wants to achieve this award the best, it is the Venturer Company Executive and Advisors who will ensure that the Venturer Scout has acquired the competence and skills that will be of considerable use personally, to the Company, and to the community. The Area or the Council will be responsible for ensuring that recipients of the Queen's Venturer Award are properly celebrated.

This Award signifies that a Venturer Scout has, in the opinion of those who know the Venturer Scout, both the character and ability to be of a significant help to other people.



The Company may decide that a Venturer Scout has completed reasonably equivalent projects to the written requirements; these reasonable equivalents (in subject and degree of commitment) should be approved by the Company. This is in keeping with the overall mission of Scouting, which is the development of young people; **Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual (the SPICES)**.

The Group Registrar will update the youth's registration information in myscouts, upon recognition.

#### **What is the role of the ceremony?**

A presentation ceremony is held to bring proper recognition to these deserving young people. However, a predetermined date for the ceremony should not drive the completion of the Queen's Venturer Award requirements. Holding a spring ceremony should not place undue pressure on Venturer Scouts to complete all requirements in time for the ceremony; a spring ceremony is not a Venturer Scout's true deadline. This enforces the understanding that Scouting is a yearlong program and for Venturer Scouts to complete the Queen's Venturer Award over the full calendar of the Scouting year.

#### **Wearing of the Queen's Venturer Award**

Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts wear both their Chief Scout's Award and their Queen's Venturer Award on their uniforms.

Adult volunteers wear the Adult Recognition Award on their uniform.