

1998 NATIONAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD



- REPORT OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR PAST CHARTER YEAR—(A)
- COMMITMENT FOR THE COMING CHARTER YEAR—(B)

Unit must achieve six of ten objectives to qualify as a National Quality Post/Ship.
(Four starred [*] items are required, plus two additional items = six total.)

Post/Ship no. _____ Chartered organization _____

City _____ State _____ Recharter month _____

District/Exploring division _____ Council _____

	(A)	(B)
	Past	Coming
	Year	Year

Mark yes (Y) or no (N) in the box for each item.

* 1.

Training. The Advisor will complete Explorer Leader Basic Training.

* 2.

Two-Deep Leadership. We will have one or more associate Advisors registered, trained, and active. Coed posts will have men and women registered as Advisors and/or associate Advisors. One registered adult will be assigned responsibility for Youth Protection training.

* 3.

Officers. The post will elect officers and the Advisor or associate Advisor will conduct a post officers' seminar.

4.

Superactivity. The post/ship will conduct an annual superactivity, which is a major trip, activity, or project requiring advanced planning and promotion.

5.

Program. The post will conduct a minimum of two meetings or activities each month.

6.

Service Project. We will conduct an annual service project, preferably for the chartered organization or the community.

_____ Number of hours of community service performed by our youth members last year.

7.

Firstnighter. The post will conduct an annual firstnighter or other effort to recruit new members.

8.

Membership. We will renew our charter with an equal or greater number of youth registered over a year ago.

_____ Explorers registered at the beginning of the current post charter year.

_____ Explorers who will register at the beginning of the next post charter year.

9.

Post Committee. An active post committee of at least three members must meet a minimum of four times a year.

*10.

On-Time Charter Renewal. The post will complete its charter renewal before its current charter expires.

Achieved National Quality Unit Award past charter year (A) • Yes • No

_____ Date

_____ Commissioner

_____ Explorer Post Advisor/Skipper

Instructions. Use ballpoint pen.

Top Sheet. Council copy. Attach to National Quality Unit Recognition Form, No. 14-238M, and submit to the council service center.

Bottom Sheet. Unit copy. Back contains interpretation for National Quality Post/Ship Award.

Major Features

- Recognitions and commitment goals are established for the post/ship charter year.
- Each post/ship signs up at the beginning of its charter year and qualifies for the award at the end of its charter year.
- During the month after charter renewal, a review is conducted by a council representative, usually a commissioner or an Exploring service team member, to determine if the post/ship qualifies as a National Quality Unit for the past year and to make commitments for the coming year.

Recognition

For posts/ships: Pennant streamer for flagpole or room display (no charge) and plaques for selected adults.

For individuals: All Explorers and adult members of a post or ship qualifying for the National Quality Unit Award are eligible to wear a recognition emblem on their uniform and a quality pin on civilian clothing. (Emblems, pins, plaques, and streamers can be ordered from the local council service center.)

INTERPRETATION OF COMMITMENTS FOR NATIONAL QUALITY POST/SHIP AWARD

Aim to achieve a "yes" on all ten commitments. You need six to qualify for the National Quality Post/Ship Award. This includes all of the four starred (*) items, plus a minimum of any two additional items.

- * 1. Training. Trained leaders are an essential part of quality post/ship operation. The Advisor must have completed *Adult Explorer Leader Basic Training*, No. 34633. If the unit had a trained Advisor during most of the charter year but a new Advisor was selected too late to complete basic training before charter renewal, the council may still approve this item.
- * 2. Two-Deep Leadership. The post/ship must have two-deep leadership. A qualified associate Advisor must be active, registered, and have completed Explorer Leader Basic Training. If the post is coed, both men and women must be registered as Advisors or associate Advisors. A registered adult in the post must be assigned responsibility to promote Youth Protection training and coordinate appropriate awareness for parents and youth members.
- * 3. Officers. The newly elected officers are to complete their seminar within 90 days of their election.
- 4. Superactivity. This is a major trip, program highlight, or project requiring advanced preparation and planning.
- 5. Program. Two meetings or activities must take place each month of the charter year.
- 6. Service Project. Consider your chartered organization as your first preference. A community service program is another choice. Or, if you would like to help Scouting in other countries, you may raise money and forward those funds to your local council for the World Friendship Fund. Also, fill in the total number of hours devoted to community service efforts and projects by all youth members of your unit during the past twelve months.
- 7. Firstnighter. This is a major effort to invite and recruit new youth members.
- 8. Membership. Set objectives for membership using the spaces on your commitment sheet.

Examples:

- 15 Explorers registered at the beginning of the current post charter year.
- 17 Explorers registered at the beginning of the next post charter year.
- +2 Increase over a year ago (commitment is met).

- 9. Post Committee. Post committee and Advisors will hold at least four meetings during the year (but preferably on a regular monthly basis).
- *10. On-Time Charter Renewal. See that the charter renewal application and fees reach the local council service center before midnight of the last day of the post's charter year. Most units will want to submit their renewal at least fifteen days before charter expiration to allow adequate time for processing and any unforeseen delays.

Steps

1. Attach the council copies of both the achievement and commitment forms to the Quality Unit Recognition Order Form, No. 14-238M, and submit to the local council service center.
2. Include National Quality Unit Award program on your post/ship committee agenda each month to check progress.