Potomac

Pathfinder Excellence & Service Award

This award is a formal recognition of all Potomac Pathfinders who expend an extra effort to be a *Servant of God and a Friend to Man* and rise above and beyond what is usually expected of a Pathfinder. **ANY** Pathfinder willing to put forth the effort **CAN ACHIEVE** this award.

Objectives:

Through completing the Pathfinder Excellence and Service Award (PESA), the Pathfinder will:
- Expand their awareness of needs that they are able to meet.
- Develop project management experience.
- Make an impact on their community through meaningful, thoughtful service.
- Arrive at a deeper understanding of what Christian service is.

Criteria:

Pathfinder Excellence & Service Award is available to any Potomac Conference Pathfinder who completes ALL of the following:
- Completes both basic and advanced Investiture Achievement (IA),
  NOTE: Advanced AI must be completed during the current Pathfinder year. It may be completed for the current level being worked on or for the level last completed.

- Is present at a minimum of 90% of club functions and meetings,
  NOTE: Absences Excused by Club Director DO NOT count against the 90%

- Attends both Potomac Conference Fair and Camporee,
  NOTE: May ONLY be excused by the Conference Pathfinder Director

- Develops and implements a meaningful Service Project which benefits any group or organization that needs assistance.

Forms & Deadlines:
- **Application & Project Proposal** due: on or before October 15

- **Director's Recommendation** due: on or before July 15

- **Project Completion Report** due: on or before July 15

Service Project:

Time Requirement & ***Adult Involvement Allowed*** (varies by grade level or it's equivalent)

- *5ᵗʰ or 6ᵗʰ Grade or it's equivalent* - With a parent or Pathfinder counselor, plan and implement a 20-hour service project. (at least 16 hours must be used in completing the project)

- *7ᵗʰ or 8ᵗʰ Grade or it's equivalent* - With guidance from a parent or Pathfinder counselor, plan and implement a 25-hour service project. (at least 20 hours must be used in completing the project)

- *9ᵗʰ, 10ᵗʰ, 11ᵗʰ, or 12ᵗʰ Grade or it's equivalent* - Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a 30-hour service project. (at least 24 hours must be used in completing the project)

Project Requirements:

- Planned outside of the regular Community Service Projects offered or planned within the Pathfinder club, church, or conference organization

- Must be pre-approved by the Conference Pathfinder Director.

- Must be completed to the satisfaction of the receiving group/organization even if that is beyond the originally planned time commitment.

- Funding is the responsibility of the individual Pathfinder.

- This is an individual Pathfinder project; however, the Pathfinder may enlist other Pathfinder or volunteer help when executing the PESA project.

Pathfinder Application
(Due on or before Oct 15)

It is the intent of Pathfinder named below to complete the requirements to be recognized as a Pathfinder Excellence and Service Award recipient during the coming Pathfinder year.

Time Requirement & ***Adult Involvement Allowed*** (varies by grade level or it's equivalent)
- 5th *or* 6th *Grade or it's equivalent* - With a parent or Pathfinder counselor, plan and implement a 20-hour service project. (at least 16 hours must be used in completing the project)
- 7th *or* 8th *Grade or it's equivalent* - With guidance from a parent or Pathfinder counselor, plan and implement a 25-hour service project. (at least 20 hours must be used in completing the project)
- 9th, 10th, 11th, *or* 12th *Grade or it's equivalent* - Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a 30-hour service project. (at least 24 hours must be used in completing the project)

Project Requirements
- Are planned outside of the regular Community or Service Projects offered or planned within the Pathfinder club, church, or conference organization
- Must be pre-approved by the Conference Pathfinder Director
- Must be completed to the satisfaction of the receiving group/organization even if that is beyond the originally planned time commitment.
- Funding is the responsibility of the individual Pathfinder.
- This is an individual Pathfinder project; however, the Pathfinder may enlist other Pathfinder or volunteer help when executing the PESA project.

Pathfinder Name _____

Pathfinder Club Name _____

Pathfinder Year _____ *(example 2014-2015 PF Year)*

Club Director's Signature _____
NOTE: *This signature recognizes the intent of the above Pathfinder to complete Pathfinder Excellence & Service Award (PESA) and commits the club to help the Pathfinder track all related club activities.*

Project Proposal

Who will the project help? _____

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What do you plan to do? _____

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Who is your adult assistant, coach, or supervisor? _____

How much is the project expected to cost? _____

How are you planning to raise the funds? _____

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The amount of time you expect to spend on:

      Planning _____

      Completing _____

Who will sign off to indicate that the project is complete? _____

Please list any other information that would help the Potomac Conference Pathfinder Director approve your project.

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Date Application/Project was Received _____

Project Proposal Approval Sent _____

Date Director's Recommendation Received _____

Date Project Report Received _____

Directors' Recommendation
(Due on or before July 15)

Pathfinder Name _____

Pathfinder Club Name _____

Director's Name_____

Pathfinder Year _____ *(example 2014-2015)*

Pathfinder Attended & Participated in:

At LEAST 90% of club meetings and activities   ☐YES☐ NO
> *NOTE: Absences Excused by Club Director DO NOT count against the 90%*

Conference Pathfinder Camporee   ☐YES☐ NO
> *NOTE: May ONLY be excused by the Conference Pathfinder Director*

Conference Pathfinder Fair   ☐YES☐ NO
> *NOTE: May ONLY be excused by the Conference Pathfinder Director*

Basic Investiture Achievement Level Completed _____
AND
Advanced Investiture Achievement Level Completed _____
> NOTE: Advanced AI must be completed during the current Pathfinder year. It may be completed for either the current basic level being worked on or the level last completed.

OR
Have completed Master Guide – Year completed _____

PESA Service Project was completed successfully to the satisfaction of the receiving organization or people.   ☐YES☐ NO

Pathfinder has been a positive participant in the local club throughout this year.
    ☐YES☐ NO

Additional notes to assist in determining whether the above Pathfinder has risen to the challenge to be "above" the average Pathfinder this year.

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Service Project Report
(Due on or before July 15)

Pathfinder Name _____

Pathfinder Club Name _____

Director's Name _____

Pathfinder Year _____ *(example 2014-2015)*

Project Description (what did you do for your service project?)

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Attach or send with this report ALL of the following:

☐ Activity Log (including activity dates, hours spent, specific segment of project completed)

☐ Photo or Video Journal of Project (showing Pathfinder's journey through the project)

☐ Note or copy of email stating completion of Service Project (by organization leader or person helped)

Lessons Learned (The 2 or 3 most important things learned while completing the project)

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Service Project Activity Log

Date	Start Time	End Time	Activity Description (Segment of Project Worked On)