



APPLICATION FOR THE AKELA AWARD 2022

NORTH AREA STANDING ORDER FOR AKELA

1. A Cub Scout may submit his/her application as an Akela Award (AA) Candidate, once his/her Cub Scout Leader is satisfied that the Cub Scout has completed the requirements according to the guidelines set out by the National Programme Council (NPC).
2. The Cub Scout must be nominated by his/her Cub Scout Leader, and supported by his/her parents and School's Principal. The nominating Cub Scout Leader and the Sponsoring Authority **MUST NOT** be related to the nominee. If rules are flouted, the nominee will be disqualified.
3. The candidate should have a minimum of 3 years in his or her Cub scouting journey before the year of assessment, eg. P2 - P4: Registration in P5
P3 – P5: Registration in P6
4. Cub Scout Leaders who would like to endorse their cubs who are able to complete all requirements in less than 3 years for the Akela assessment, may write in to the Area Commissioner.
5. The Area Commissioner is pleased to authorise the issue of a special parchment Certificate to Cub Scouts who have gained the Akela Award. The Cub Scout who has gained the Akela Award may wear the Akela Award badge on his/her Scout uniform until he/she gains the Chief Commissioner's Award as a Scout.
6. The Cub Scout must submit the following documents and attend the Akela Award Assessment, which will be conducted online by a team of assessors. Details regarding the submission process will be released at a later date.
 - a) **AKELA AWARD APPLICATION FORM**
Cub Scout Leaders must complete the process of completing the online application form, together with the endorsement form that is to be signed and endorsed by the relevant signatories before submitting digitally via the online platform.
 - b) **CUB SCOUT RECORD BOOK (YELLOW)**
Cub Scout Leaders submit the Arrow Progress Awards Certificates online and capture the Akela Award criteria in the Cub Scout Record Book (pg. 27 to 30). Cub Scouts who have not attained **all** the Arrow Progress Badges will **not** be eligible for the Akela Award. The endorsed items will serve as the basis for the auditing of the Cub Scout Logbook.
 - c) **REFLECTION ARTIFACT (SELECT EITHER 1 or 2)**

1) CUB SCOUT LOGBOOK¹

This is a personal logbook **describing** the activities that led to the completion of the activities which were endorsed by their Cub Scout Leader in the Cub Scout Record Book. It must also contain **explicit mention** of skills learnt, personal and critical reflections describing what was enjoyable, or not, of most events or activities; what went well and what went wrong; and how things could be improved. These records should begin from the time the Cub joined the pack till about a month before submission of Logbook. The Logbook will be graded according to the rubrics as stipulated in the record book. Cubs may choose to use online platforms like blogs or Wix to log their Cub Scouting journey. Social Media Platforms with no way to track the Cub Scouting journey like Instagram, regrettably will not be allowed.

¹ The National Programme Council reserves the right to withhold any submitted logbook permanently as a reference resource, or for coaching purposes. Selected logbook will be informed to the respective Cub Scout Leader of such a possibility.

2) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BY LEADERS WITH REFLECTION SURVEY

The letter of recommendation will serve as additional testimony to the character and the various acts of mention to justify the endorsement of the cub scout. The leader is highly encouraged to follow the scaffold provided below when writing the letter:

How long have you known the cub?

How was the cub in the beginning in terms of behavior and character?

How is the cub now in terms of behavior and character?

What are his or her strengths and weaknesses?

What are his or her achievements in the unit?

How has he or she value-added to the unit?

Why will he or she be an ideal ambassador for the Akela Award?

In addition, the cub scout has to submit a reflection survey on the following question which can be in word document:

In 500 words or less, write about some of the important activities you did while in scouts, what went well or what went wrong, how the activities can be improved and how it helped you as a person.

Please name the file in the following format for the cub's reflection document:

NORTH_AKELA_UNIT NAME_SCOUT_FULL_NAME_REFLECTION_ARTIFACT

e.g. NORTH_AKELA_NORTHSTAR_PRI_DYSON_ANG_WEE_JIN_REFLECTION_ARTIFACT

d) OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Only the listed documents in the attached checklist are considered vital for online submission. **DO NOT** submit any other certificates. Details regarding the submission process will be released at a later date.

i) **Progress Awards Certificate**

Candidates must complete the progressive awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold and produce the certificates.

ii) **First Aid Proficiency Certificate**

Candidates must have completed the First Aid Proficiency Badge as outlined in the Cub Scout Proficiency Badge Guide Book.

iii) **Cub Scout Leadership Course or Cub Scout Leadership Training Course (CSLC/CLTC) Certificate**

Candidates must complete a National Programme Council (NPC) approved Cub Scout Leadership Course (CSLC) conducted at the Area level. The Course Director and the Assistant Chief Commissioner (Area) must endorse the certificate. CSLC conducted at an individual school or pack level are not allowed.

iv) **Certificate of Appointment to Assistant Sixer / Sixer / Senior Sixer**

Candidates must have been appointed a minimum term of 3 months (or currently serving their term) in any of the above appointments. A Certificate of Appointment presented to them upon their appointment is used to verify the appointment.

v) **Proficiency Badge Certificates**

Candidates must have completed minimum of any six proficiency badges other than First Aid Proficiency Badge. National Campaign Badges are also considered as proficiency badges.

All the above must be completed before the nomination, which may then be submitted for Candidacy.

7. The Akela Award Assessment Team reserves the right to reject any incomplete application since all of the above documentation will be used for grading, coaching and feedback purposes. Only Candidates who have completed the requirements according to the guidelines as set out above will be accepted.
8. The Akela Award Assessment Team reserves the right to disqualify Candidates at any point of the assessment process should they be deemed unsuitable for the award (e.g.: due to uncooperative attitudes or serious disciplinary problems).