

BOARD OF REVIEW

SUMMIT AWARD FACT SHEET



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WHAT IS VENTURING?

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 13 (and have completed the eighth grade) or 14 through 20. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturers begin with the Venturing Award on the following advancement chart and climb their way to the Summit Award at the top while focusing on each area of growth along the way.

Award	Adventure	Leadership	Personal Growth	Service
Summit	Mentoring and participation	Ongoing leadership development	Goal-setting and personal growth	Leading others in service
Pathfinder	Leading and participation	Leading others	Goal-setting and personal growth	Participation in service
Discovery	Participation	Preparing to lead	Goal-setting and personal growth	Participation in service
Venturing	Initial participation	Orientation to the crew	Personal safety awareness training	Induction into crew

WHAT IS THE SUMMIT AWARD?

The highest award in Venturing, the Summit Award goes to those Venturers who have matured in their personal direction, skills, and life competencies, and who have accepted the responsibility to mentor others and serve their communities in a lasting way.



EXAMPLE QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING THE SUMMIT AWARD BOARD OF REVIEW

ASK SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN A MANNER THAT WILL ENCOURAGE CONVERSATION.

- Tell us about the “life lessons” you have learned from your experience in Venturing and completing your Summit Award project.
- Please share the challenges you have faced in climbing to the “Summit” and how you overcame them.
- Describe your career goals. Tell us about your experience in Venturing and how it will help you in your career.
- If you were a new Venturer, describe what you would do differently in your Venturing career.
- Please share how you have helped to prepare and better the younger members of your Venturing crew. Describe how you will continue to provide service and support to your crew.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR DURING THE SUMMIT AWARD BOARD OF REVIEW

- Ensuring the candidate has grown in the areas of adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service.
- Ensuring the candidate has been prepared, to the best of his or her abilities, to be able to succeed in the future, both professionally and personally.
- Ensuring the candidate has grown since first joining Venturing until now.

