



GGAC L.E.A.D. Degree Program Guidelines

The L.E.A.D. Degree Program provides an informal program of advancement in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun. The intent is for you to be able to track the progress of your supplemental training and to reward yourselves for your accomplishments. The incentive is not only for you to carry on with your training, but to inspire you to return each year and share the wealth of your experience with all of us, as you continue your own Scouting Trail.

You need not complete a degree to participate fully in the L.E.A.D., but if you are interested, here are some important guidelines:

- 1. The L.E.A.D. Degree Program is open to all registered Scouts and Scouters, ages 14 and older, who have completed the basic training for their position. Valid Safeguarding Youth training certification for the appropriate program and age level is required for all degrees.**
- 2. Those who intend to pursue a degree must fill out their Degree Program Applications and submit them to the L.E.A.D. Registration Desk by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event, in order to receive their certificates and appropriate patches at the closing ceremony.**
- 3. Late applications will be processed as time and materials permit, but they may be lost if not submitted promptly.**
- 4. University transcripts are not maintained by the GGAC event volunteers. It is up to all students to track their own participation in L.E.A.D., and the event staff cannot promise to help recreate lost records should that distributed paperwork be misplaced.**
- 5. Each Degree builds on that which came before, so the Masters, for example, requires completion of the Bachelors degree in order to apply. GGAC L.E.A.D. staff makes no commitment to accept degrees from other councils as prerequisites to any degree in this program.**
- 6. The only degrees open to youth under the age of 18 are Associate and Bachelor; the Doctorate is available only to Adult Scouters 21 and over.**
- 7. Finally, if this is not fun, then you are not doing it correctly: Stop doing this immediately, if it is not fun!**



GGAC L.E.A.D. Degree Program Application



*Degree application must be received **NO LATER** than 1:00 p.m.
to receive your certificate.*

Associates Degree in Scouting -- open to all registered Scouters age 14 and above	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Valid Safeguarding Youth training certification2. Complete the "Before First Meeting" curriculum for your program, as outlined in https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Position-Trained-Requirements-Sept-2021.pdf. All courses can be taken through the My Training portal of my.scouting.org.3. Complete six (6) L.E.A.D. courses since within the past three years
Bachelors Degree in Scouting -- open to all registered Scouters age 14 and above	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Valid Safeguarding Youth training certification2. Fulfill the requirements for the Associates Degree3. Earn the "TRAINED" patch for your current position/Scouting program4. Complete an additional six (6) L.E.A.D. courses since fulfilling the requirements for the Associates degree<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Serving as an instructor may be substituted for one course credit with prior approval.b. Youth may serve as instructors only with Course Director approval or with adult Scouter supervision
Masters Degree in Scouting -- open to all registered Scouters age 18 and above	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Valid Safeguarding Youth training certification2. Fulfill the requirements for the Bachelors Degree3. Complete an additional eight (8) L.E.A.D. courses since fulfilling the requirements for the Bachelors degree Any or all of the following may be substituted for one course credit each:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Complete two additional "TRAINED" patches for other Scouting programs (Cubs, Scouts BSA, or Venturers) or for one program and one service area (District or Council committee or Commissioners)b. Attend Wood Badge trainingc. Teach one more course than required for this degree (see below)d. Earn an Adult Training Award Knot or Service Key for a registered position.4. Serve as an instructor for at least one L.E.A.D. course Note: Teaching one course is required, but Instruction in an additional course may be substituted for one of the required course credits, above.
Doctorate Degree in Scouting -- open only to Adult Scouters age 21 and above	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Valid Safeguarding Youth training certificate2. Fulfill the requirements for the Masters Degree3. Complete an additional ten (10) L.E.A.D. courses since fulfilling the requirements for the Masters degree Any or all of the following may be substituted for one course credit each:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Complete the Wood Badge ticket and earn the Wood Badge beadsb. Earn two additional Adult Training Award Knots or one additional Training Knot and one Service Award Keyc. Each additional course taught as part of the regular curriculum (maximum of 2, see below)4. Develop and lead an approved new course for the L.E.A.D.5. Serve on the L.E.A.D. staff (other than as instructor) for one year Note: Creating one new course is required, but Instruction in additional courses may be substituted for up to two of the required course credits, above.

On my honor, I certify that I have read and understood the Degree requirements above; and at the close of this year's L.E.A.D., I will have qualified for the indicated degree.

Name (Print as desired on certificate)

Email

Applicant's Signature

Date

L.E.A.D. (or District Training Chair) Approval

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