

Royal Ambassador Awards

Royal Ambassadors can earn many awards through the RA program. These awards are presented to members in recognition of their achievement when they complete the requirements for each award. Use the RA Award Tally Sheet (RA Forms section) to assist you in ordering your chapter's RA awards. Use the Royal Ambassador Individual Awards Record (RA Forms section) to help you compile the total number of each award you need to order.

Awards should be presented to the boys soon after they have earned them. Plan to have recognition services several times a year to present the awards to the boys in front of the church. Be sure to invite the people who are most significant in each boy's life to witness the award presentation (parents, pastor, others).

Membership: The RA Membership Card and RA Membership Patch and/or RA Membership Pin are presented to chapter members who have completed the membership requirements for Royal Ambassadors. Boys and leaders who have memorized the RA Motto and RA Pledge may wear the RA Membership Patch and/or RA Membership Pin. Those who have memorized the Lad or Crusader motto, told the associated Bible story to an adult, and learned the meaning of the respective patch may wear the Lad or Crusader patch and the accompanying chevron.

Royal Ambassador Vest

Once a boy fulfills the membership requirements, he is ready to begin his grade-level Advancement. At this time, some churches provide a vest for the boy to display his membership and Advancement pins and patches. The vest becomes the uniform for the RA.

Royal Ambassadors can proudly wear their vests to all chapter meetings. The RA vest should be worn during special recognition services, award presentations, and annual events. Wearing a uniform helps chapter members practice responsibility. If your church has a limited budget, consider asking parents to purchase the vests or work toward having the vests made to reduce the cost. Be sure to make special allowances for boys who cannot afford to purchase vests. RA groups can choose to wear either the khaki vests with pockets or the blue denim vests with gold trim. Vests can be ordered from Specialty Imprints at www.lifewaystores.com/specialtyimprints or by calling 1 800 448-8032. Instead of a vest, a church may develop shields, banners, and other items to display each boy's earned awards.



Advancement: Boys are awarded either a grade-level advancement shield pin or patch by completing the advancement plan for that grade. Boys may keep a record of the activities they have completed in a personal RA Member Notebook.



Bars and Stars: Boys can earn one achievement bar or star for each 12 additional mission stories, missions testimonies, mission projects/activities, or Bible verses memorized in any combination after they have earned their advancement pin or patch.

Physical Fitness Patch: Physical Fitness patches are awarded to boys for participating in a group of exercises over a period of time. A worksheet is given to the boy to record his exercises which are signed off by his parents or another adult. Patches correspond to the grade level of the boys. The physical fitness chart, worksheet, examples, and instructions can be found in the Interest Activities section of this book.



Bible Memory Medals: These medals are awarded to boys for memorizing Scripture verses (Bronze–25 verses in one year; Silver–50 verses in one year; Gold–75 verses in one year). Service Stars are awarded for completion of these requirements in subsequent years.



Mission Study/Action Patches: These patches are awarded to those who participate in the annual mission studies or mission action. Boys earn the patch the first year and are awarded a dated chevron in subsequent years.

RA Activity Patches: These patches are awarded to boys for participating in the following Royal Ambassador events: RA Racecars, Linegliders, Sailboats, Sports, Campout, and Missions Activity. Boys earn the patch the first year and are awarded a dated chevron in subsequent years.





Campcraft Patches: Campcraft patches are awarded to boys who complete their Campcraft skill requirements. Lads can earn the Discoverer One, Discoverer Two, and Discoverer Three patches according to their grade level. Crusaders can earn the Hiker, Camper, and Woodsman patches in succession as they complete the requirements for the patch.

Information about the Campcraft program is located in the *Campcraft–Outdoor Living Skills* manual. It is available as a free download at www.royalambassadors.org/campcraft.

