

FULFILLING MY Duty to God AS A PRIEST

Family Activities

1. Read the Book of Mormon. Discuss with your family the highlights from the book, including such topics as the difference in attitude between Nephi and Laman and Lemuel, the value of obedience to parents and priesthood leaders, the need to heed the messages of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, the fight between good and evil, King Benjamin's wise counsel, Jesus Christ's visit to the Western Hemisphere, and the promise given in Moroni 10:4-5.
Parent Initial

Gold Award, Bronze Award, Reading Merit Badge
2. Read For the Strength of Youth, and discuss with your parents your experience in living gospel standards.
Gold Award, Bronze Award
3. If you have not yet received your patriarchal blessing, begin making plans to do so.
Gold Award
4. Under the direction of your parents, organize and teach at least 4 family home evening lessons each year.
Year I: Year II:
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Silver Award, Ranger
5. Read about the following topics in Gospel Principles or Principles of the Gospel, and teach 2 of them to your family: the Creation, death (physical and spiritual), eternal life, the Fall, forgiveness, God the Father, kingdoms of glory, mercy, missionary work, the premortal existence, prophets, the Restoration of the gospel, the Resurrection, the Second Coming, and temples.
Gold Award, Bronze Award
6. Read Doctrine and Covenants 4, and discuss what it means to be prepared spiritually, financially, emotionally, and physically for your mission. Discuss the importance of work (see Genesis 3:19; Proverbs 14:23; 2 Nephi 5:17; Mosiah 2:14; Doctrine and Covenants 42:42).
Parent Initial
Gold Award
7. Talk to one or both of your parents about your career goals and how you are planning to achieve them.
Parent Initial
Gold Award, Ranger
8. Read Doctrine and Covenants 134, and discuss with your parents how it relates to your responsibilities as a citizen of your country.
Parent Initial
Gold Award, Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge
9. Submit the name of one of your ancestors for temple work, or write a 500- word personal history.
Parent Initial
Gold Award, Genealogy Merit Badge, Ranger
10. Read Endowed from on High, and discuss it with your parents.
Parent Initial
Gold Award

Write a post-high school education or training plan. Include how your education or training might be financed. Explain how your plans will work with your goal of serving a 2-year full-time mission.
Gold Award

Enroll and participate in a university or vocational school, on-the-job training program, apprenticeship, or internship.
Gold Award, Silver Award, Ranger

If possible, plan to visit the work place of 3 occupations you are interested in. Write about what you did and did not like about the job and about why you think it does or does not fit your long-term goals.
Gold Award, Ranger, Merit Badges: Forestry, Geology, Animal Science, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Cinematography, Communications, Dentistry, Engineering, Environmental Science, Journalism, Law, Photography, Plant Science, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation, Wood Working

With your parents' permission, obtain part-time work.
Gold Award

Learn how to find a job. Prepare a resume, and hold a practice interview with one or both of your parents or a priesthood leader.
Gold Award, Personal Management Merit Badge
Roundtable camp provide information

Obtain a valid driver's license with your parents' approval.
Gold Award, Traffic Safety Merit Badge

Prepare a personal history, including several important events in your life or your family's life. Keep a journal or personal record.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Genealogy Merit Badge

In a language other than your own, learn to bear your testimony, and memorize the last 6 articles of faith. Also, in 5 languages, learn greetings that people would give on the street.
Gold Award, Venturing Program Capability, Interpreter Strip

Plan and participate in a variety show at church or in the community that includes local talent.
Gold Award, Bronze Merit Badge, Ranger, Merit Badges: Music & Theater, Teton High Adventure Base, District Event

Create at least 3 paintings or drawings, and, if possible, display them in a church, school, or community cultural arts event.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Art Merit Badge, District/Council Event

Participate in a church, school, or community choir.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Music Merit Badge

Learn to play a musical instrument.
Gold Award, Music Merit Badge

Citizenship and Social Development

Select 8 or more goals from this category.

Plan and participate in at least 1 combined activity with your quorum members and the Young Women in the ward.
Gold Award, Merit Badges: Water Skiing, Canoeing, Motor Boating, Small Boat Sailing, Teton High Adventure Base District/Council Event

Read the section on dating in For the Strength of Youth. Discuss appropriate dating activities and conduct and the characteristics to look for in a potential spouse.
Gold Award

Learn good personal hygiene and grooming habits. Discuss why these skills are important to your success now and as a potential full-time missionary.
Gold Award, Bronze Award

Invite a group of newly married couples from the ward or stake to a panel discussion in which they discuss how individuals should treat each other during courtship and what to look for in a future spouse.
Gold Award, Bronze Award

Attend a social event in the ward or stake and another similar event at school. Describe to your parents or a priesthood leader how you felt and behaved in both situations.
Gold Award, Bronze Award

Plan and carry out a cultural or social activity for a group of elderly people in your area. Consult with the ward high priests group leader in your planning.
Gold Award, Bronze Award

Organize or assist with a crime-prevention program in your neighborhood, under the direction of priesthood and community leaders.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Crime Prevention Merit Badge
Roundtable can provide information

Ask a representative of a local law enforcement agency to attend a neighborhood meeting, and encourage residents to watch out for one another.
Gold Award, Merit Badges: Crime Prevention, Fingerprinting, Citizenship in the Community, and Law. Roundtable can provide information

After talking with a priesthood leader, do 2 projects that will help you better understand national governments and how to preserve peace.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge, Roundtable can provide information

Talk to a priesthood leader about the culture of a country or countries in which full-time missionaries are serving.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Citizenship in the World Merit Badge

Help an elderly person participate in an election in your area.
Gold Award

Participate in at least 2 community service projects during the year.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Ranger, Star & Life Rank Advancement, District/Council Event

Spiritual Development

Select 8 or more goals from this category.

Speak in a quorum or sacrament meeting about the importance of honesty and integrity in daily life.
Gold Award

Teach a gospel lesson to younger children in family home evening, Sunday School, Primary, or another meeting.
Gold Award, Bronze Award

Visit a hospital or care center, and talk with or read to the patients or residents.
Gold Award, Roundtable can provide information

With your bishop's guidance, identify and assist 2 elderly families with tasks such as shopping, gardening, cleaning house, and painting.
Gold Award, Life Rank Advancement, Ranger, Merit Badges: Family Life, Home Repair and Painting

Learn to play the piano or organ well enough to accompany 2 hymns in a Church meeting.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Music Merit Badge

Participate in a baptismal service by being a witness, performing a baptism, giving a talk, leading the music, or helping set up.
Gold Award, Bronze Award

Encourage and invite a less-active quorum member to participate in at least 1 quorum or ward activity.
Gold Award, Ranger

Continue to add regularly to your mission fund in preparation for receiving your mission call.
Gold Award, Personal Management Merit Badge

Participate in a community service project that benefits people who are not members of the Church.
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Scouting for Food, Star & Life Rank Advancement

Recite from memory the Articles of Faith and Doctrine and Covenants 4.
Gold Award

Participate in a ward or stake missionary preparation program. Where possible, work with the ward mission leader to participate in companionship exchanges with the full-time or stake missionaries.
Gold Award

As assigned by a priesthood leader, speak in sacrament meeting about a righteous father and the impact he had on his family.
Gold Award, Merit Badges: Communications, Public Speaking

Physical Development

Select 8 or more goals from this category.

Run 10 kilometers or 6 miles in 60 minutes or less.
Gold Award, Ranger, Personal fitness Merit Badge
District/Council Event

Hike 25 kilometers or 15 miles with a pack in 2 days or less.
Gold Award, Merit Badges: Hiking, Backpacking, Camping
Teton High Adventure Base, District/Council Event

Run for 30 minutes 3 times a week for 3 months.
Gold and Bronze Award, Ranger, Personal fitness Merit Badge

Swim for 30 minutes twice a week for 3 months.
Gold and Bronze Award, Ranger,
Merit Badges: Personal fitness, Swimming

Present a display or demonstrate a hobby or craft at school, in a Church activity, or at a community event.
Gold and Bronze Award, Ranger, Merit Badges: Art, Collections, Coin Collecting, District/Council Event

Participate in a musical group that presents music in harmony with Church standards, and give a public performance.
Gold and Bronze Award, Music Merit Badge

Participate on a sports team in your quorum, ward, school, or community.
Gold and Bronze Award, Sports Merit Badge
District/Council Event

Learn to play or officiate for a sport.
Gold and Bronze Award, Merit Badge: Sports, Athletics
District/Council Event

Teach the rules of a sport to another family or quorum member.
Gold and Bronze Award, Ranger, Sports Merit Badge
District/Council Event

As local regulations permit, organize and carry out a camping trip for your quorum. Make arrangements with the owner of the land for permission to camp there, and clean up the area before leaving.
Gold Award, Ranger, Camping Merit Badge, Leave No Trace Award, Conservation Good Turn Award, Teton High Adventure Base, District/Council Event

Study the needs of people with certain disabilities, and then present a plan to your parents or a priesthood leader for organizing a camping trip that includes those with disabilities.
Gold and Bronze Award, Merit Badge: Disability Awareness, Camping, Teton High Adventure Base, District/Council Event

Under the direction of a priest-hood leader, plan an activity close to home in which all members of your quorum may participate with little or no cost. Possible activities include a 50-kilometer or 30-mile bike or wilderness trek, a rafting or canoeing trip, or a bicycle road rally.
Gold and Bronze Award, Ranger, Merit Badges: Camping, Whitewater, Water Skiing, Canoeing, Small Boat Sailing, Motor Boating, Hiking, Cycling, Rowing, Teton High Adventure Base, District/Council Event, Roundtable

Quorum Activities

Memorize the sacrament prayers. Talk to a priesthood leader about the baptismal covenant and what it involves.
Gold Award

If possible, give at least two 4- to 5-minute talks each year in a priest-hood or sacrament meeting, when assigned by a priesthood leader.
Year I: Year II:
Gold Award, Communications, Public Speaking Merit Badges

Serve as a companion to a full-time missionary at least twice, when assigned by a priesthood leader. Discuss the teaching experience with the missionary.

Gold Award, Bronze Award

Discuss the meaning of the oath and covenant of the priesthood with a priesthood leader (see Doctrine and Covenants 84:33-44).
Gold Award

Under the direction of a priest-hood leader, help teach at least 2 lessons in priests quorum meetings.

Gold Award, Bronze Award, Ranger

Learn the basic skills of conducting music, memorize a hymn, and lead others in singing it during opening exercises of priesthood meeting at least once a year.

Year I: Year II:
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Music Merit Badge

Participate in at least 1 priests quorum service project each year.
Year I: Year II:
Gold Award, Bronze Award, Scouting for Food, Star & Life Rank Advancement

