About The President's Award

The President's Award for Youth Empowerment (TPA) is proudly The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award for Young People and is a full member of the International Award Foundation which oversees the Award Programme in over 130 countries globally, with 18 of these being in Africa, and over 1.3 million active participants internationally. There are 55 000 young people developing themselves through the Award in South Africa and over 300 000 across the African continent.

TPA is a registered non-profit organisation (004-920NPO) with Public Benefit Organisation status, registered with SARS (PBO#930001329).

TPA motivates young people to develop character, discover their purpose and determine their future to contribute towards building a great South Africa. The Award Programme targets 14-24 year olds across the socio-economic spectrum, from public and private schools, children's homes, correctional services centres, universities, etc.

On the Programme, there are **three levels**; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Within those levels, there are **four sections**: 1. Skills Development; 2. Physical Recreation; 3. Service to the Community and; 4. an Adventurous Journey. On the Gold level there is an additional section called a Residential Project. With guidance from volunteer adult Award Leaders, each young person builds confidence by reflecting upon their interests, abilities and ambitions to set themselves challenges. Youth Participants progress at their own pace through the three Award levels; however, each level has minimum requirements.

At completion of the Award, young people get an internationally recognised certificate that bares the signatures of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip and President Cyril Ramaphosa. The certificates are recognised by employers and universities.

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