

Young Marines

Award Manual



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From: National Executive Director
To: Distribution
Subj: **Young Marines Awards Manual**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this manual is to provide information and guidance regarding the awarding of Young Marines' ribbons and awards.
2. **Cancellation.** This manual cancels all other awards manuals and ribbon charts currently available on the web site.
3. **Promulgation.** This manual contains information relating to the appropriate procedure for recommending ribbons and awards.
4. **Summary.**

This manual has undergone extensive revision. It is not the intent of this manual to have Young Marines re-qualify for ribbons and awards that have been awarded. Rather, it is strongly suggested that unit commanders review the new guidelines for qualification awards to ensure that those awards already earned fall within the new guidelines. Those that do not should simply review the new guidelines in the Young Marines Guide to ensure that their knowledge is commensurate with the new requirements.

5. **Awards issued by authority of National Executive Director only.**
 - a. All Young Marine awards listed as "Lowest Issuing Authority – National Executive Director," require a request for award submission form (see example following) be addressed to the National Executive Director via the Young Marines chain of command.
 - b. **Summary of action.** A summary of action is required to ensure that the act for which the Young Marine is being recognized for a personal award contains the necessary information for a creditable citation to be drafted. The summary of action should contain **YM-rank, name (first, MI, last), Young Marine Unit they are a member of**, time, date, location of the event and a summary of the event for which the Young Marine is being recognized. When appropriate, it should contain supporting documentation from eyewitnesses and/or recommendations from on-scene observers.
 - c. All requests for ribbons and awards should be expedited. A reasonable amount of time between the action for which the Young Marine is being cited and the time the recommendation is forwarded **through the chain of command** should not exceed forty-five days.
 - d. Requests to higher headquarters for ribbons / awards should come as original documents through the postal service with appropriate endorsements from each level. **Exception – YM Division Commanders may FAX the completed 'package' with all appropriate/signed endorsements to** award for the Young Marine. Likewise, requests without **appropriate signed** endorsements will be returned without action. You may mail or fax a copy of the request to the National Executive Director as notice that the original is being processed through the chain of command.
6. Any questions regarding the contents of this manual or recommendations for change should be forwarded to the Young Marine National Headquarters, attention: Training and Education.

Michael B. Kessler
National Executive Director

Issuing Authority: The lowest issuing authority listed on the description page of the award describes the lowest level authorized to issue the award. The issuing authority can only issue the award for their level. For example, the lowest issuing authority for the YM Encampment Ribbon is the Unit Commander. If two units from the same battalion hold a joint encampment then the Unit Commander may issue the YM Encampment Ribbon. Since both of these units are in the same battalion, if they would like to have the battalion level device awarded, they will need authorization from the Battalion Commander prior to issuing the award.

Note: It is the unit's responsibility to input all ribbons and awards in the database. It is also the unit's responsibility to order the ribbons and awards to be given to the Young Marine(s).

Date: _____

From: Unit (Bn, Regt, Div) Commander, (unit name) Young Marines

To: National Executive Director, Young Marines

Via: Battalion Commander, _____ (if applicable)
Regimental Commander, _____ (if applicable)
Division Commander, _____ (if applicable)

Subj: RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD; CASE OF, YM-(rank) Jane Q. Sample

1. I enthusiastically recommend YM-(rank) _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name
for the (Distinguished Service / Personal Commendation / Meritorious Service / Lifesaving [1st, 2nd, 3rd]) ribbon. Young Marine is a member of _____.
(Name of Young Marine Unit)

2. Summary of Action: (write a brief account of what occurred specifically or over time to warrant the recommendation. Include any supporting documentation [i.e., eye-witness accounts, newspaper accounts, police or fire department statements, etc.] Be sure to include date(s) of action, location(s), and other specific information you feel is required in order for the National Executive Director to write a citation for the award.)

3. State any other information you feel is pertinent, type (or print) Unit Commander name and sign. Forward to next level of chain of command for their endorsement.

Semper Fidelis,

(Signature)

Alex J. Squardaway

Example

Young Marine Medallions and Plaques

Medallions

The Young Marine Medallion is a larger version of the Distinguished Order of Merit and comes with a drape that hangs about the neck. The back of the medallion can be engraved so as to personalize the award. This award is available through the gear store located in the database. This award can be given for activities such as competitions, or for top graduates of selected events. The awarding of the medallion is determined by the appropriate level of authority.

The color of the drape will depend on the level of authority.

National Medallion – Red, white and blue drape – Only awarded for National events

Division Medallion – Red drape – Only awarded by the division commander or representative for division events.

Regimental Medallion – White drape – Only awarded by the regimental commander or representative for regimental events.

Battalion Medallion – Blue drape – Only awarded by the battalion commander or representative for battalion events.

Unit Medallion – Yellow drape – Awarded by the unit commander or representative for unit events.

The above medallions are for display only and may not be worn with the Young Marines uniform.

Plaques

The Young Marines plaques are 5x7 or 7x9 wood plaques with a red face and gold background. These plaques can be ordered through the gear store located on the database. Each plaque comes with a brass plate for the purpose of engraving. This plate can be fixed on the plaque. Units or higher headquarters can order these plaques for any purpose they deem acceptable such as “Thank You” plaques to supporters, “Honor Graduate” plaques for recruit training, or service awards for adult volunteers, etc.

Orders for the Young Marines Medallions or the Young Marines Plaques should be placed well in advance of the event to ensure availability.

Streamers

Streamers are small pennant-like flags that are attached to your unit colors and unit guidon. Certain ribbon awards authorize streamers. The streamer design and colors will match the ribbon award for example, if the unit is awarded the Young Marine Unit Commendation ribbon, the streamer, which is authorized, will look like the ribbon.

Units are authorized to attach a 12 inch streamer to their units guidon pole, and a 24 inch streamer to their units colors. These streamers are affixed to these poles using a streamer attachment ring that can be ordered through the Young Marines Gear Store.

When a device for an award is authorized, such as a bronze star for a second award of the Young Marine Unit Commendation ribbon, the unit is authorized to add a 1 inch white star to the streamer to signify a second award. There are other streamer devices authorized on streamers for other awards. It is the responsibility of the unit to familiarize themselves with the authorized streamers and devices as per the awards manual.

Questions concerning streamers and streamer devices may be directed to the National Headquarters Training Department at 800-717-0060.

Longevity Award Pin

The Longevity Award Pin is available to Registered Adults to show their years of dedicated service to the Young Marines program. These pins start at year 1 and go to 20+ years.

The Longevity Award Pin is authorized for wear on the official Young Marines Camouflage Uniform, the Alternative Adult Uniform and the optional Service Uniforms. This pin will be worn centered 1/8" above left breast pocket above the nametape on the official Young Marines Camouflage Uniform, or centered 1/8" above left breast pocket flap for the Service Uniforms.



DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF MERIT (DOM)



1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the bulletin is to outline the requirements for earning the Young Marine Distinguished Order of Merit (DOM).

2. INTENT

The Young Marine Distinguished Order of Merit (DOM) is the highest award a Young Marine or a Registered Adult can earn. This award is intended to recognize those who have demonstrated, through their superlative example, the values we consider worthy of special recognition. The DOM is intended for those senior Young Marines who have committed themselves to the ideals of the Young Marine program. Where they have reached a point in their Young Marine careers where a final level of achievement is made through a process reserved for those special few who have excelled to a higher level. This award may also be presented for special recognition to those who have provided a level of support to the Young Marine program at a national level above and beyond the call of duty.

3. REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for this award will be laid out in the paragraphs to follow. It is not the intent of this award that it be easy to achieve, nor will it be impossible. The requirements will be followed and no exceptions will be made. Ribbons that have been earned through the normal Young Marine Training and Education process will not have to be “re-earned.”

A. Young Marine Requirements

(1) Notice of intent by recommendation from a registered adult staff member from their unit or higher headquarters. This notice will be in writing and sent to the training department at National Headquarters.

(2) Provide a copy of your Young Marine record book from the database, ensuring that the information contained is accurate and up-to-date.

(3) Ribbon Requirements

a. Discipline

- i. Earn the Drug Demand Reduction Ribbon with 3 bronze stars
- ii. Additional Required (3 of 4)
 1. Sen. Chafee Conservation Ribbon
 2. Good Conduct Ribbon
 3. Perfect Attendance Ribbon
 4. Academic Achievement Ribbon

- b. Leadership
 - i. Earn the Young Marine Staff Ribbon, Advanced Leadership Ribbon, Senior Leadership Ribbon, and the Junior Leadership Ribbon
 - ii. Additional Required (2 of 5)
 - 1. Young Marine Staff – National Level
 - 2. Young Marine Staff – Division Level
 - 3. Young Marine Staff – Regimental Level
 - 4. YM/1stSgt Ribbon
 - 5. YM/SgtMaj Ribbon
- c. Teamwork
 - i. Earn the Community Service and Veteran Appreciation Ribbon
 - ii. Additional Requirements (2 of 3)
 - 1. Drill Team Ribbon
 - 2. Color Guard Ribbon
 - 3. Sportsmanship Ribbon

(4) Apply for the National ACE program. You may participate as a host or exchange participant. Non-selection will not be grounds for disqualification for the DOM.

(5) Write an article suitable for publication in the Esprit Magazine. This essay may be on any subject dealing with American values. It may be about an event or a prominent individual, but one that requires research and relevant facts.

(6) Complete the Young Marine Advanced Guidebook.

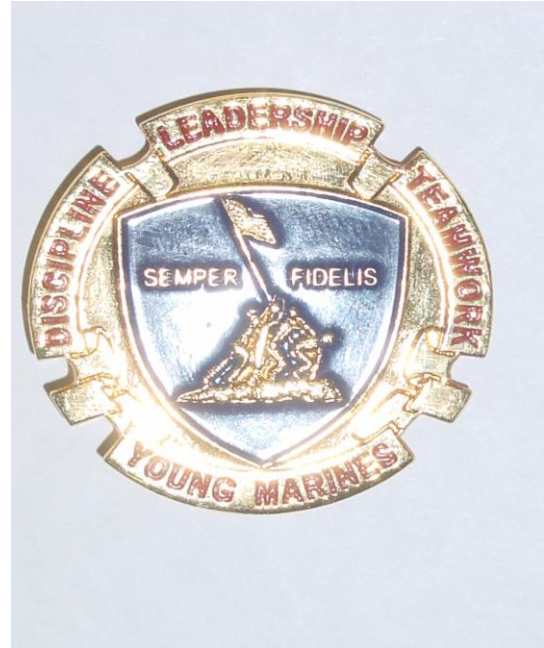
B. Registered Adult Requirements

The Distinguished Order of Merit is awarded by the National Executive Director, at his discretion, to registered adults who have made a significant impact on the Young Marine Program.

AWARD INFORMATION

The Distinguished Order of Merit contains more than one award.

The Badge (cast and in color) will be worn on the right breast pocket of the Young Marine Alpha or Charlie uniform. It can also be worn on a blazer or displayed as in a shadow box.



A subdued patch of the badge will be permanently affixed to the right breast pocket of the official Young Marine woodland style camouflage uniform.

A certificate of authenticity and a letter from the National Executive Director will also be presented.



The President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Award is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals; families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over a course of a 12-month period. Recipients are eligible to receive the award **once** every 12 months.

Recipients receive:

- An official President's Volunteer Service Award pin
- A personalized certificate of achievement
- A note of congratulations from the President of the United States
- A letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

Authorization:

Unit Commander upon completion of hours through Presidential Service Awards

Award/Device:

Award may be worn above right breast pocket, centered 1/8" above nametape on the Official Young Marines Camouflage Uniform or centered 1/8" above right breast pocket flap on the Service Uniform. Only one award may be worn at any given time.

Note: This does not prohibit the Young Marine from obtaining and wearing the community service ribbon and devices.

Adults are authorized to wear this award.

Requirements:

Unit Commander appoints staff member to be in charge of establishing group through the Presidential Service Awards website, maintaining the volunteer service hours and ordering the awards as hours are completed. www.presidentialserviceawards.gov

Kids (Ages up to 14)



**Presidential
Volunteer
Service Award
Bronze Level**
50 to 74 hours



**Presidential
Volunteer
Service Award
Silver Level**
75 to 99 hours



**Presidential
Volunteer
Service Award
Gold Level**
100 hours or more



**Presidential
Volunteer
Service Award
All Ages**
4,000 hours or
more of
volunteer service
(over a lifetime)

Teens (Ages 15 to 25)



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award Bronze
Level**
100 to 174 hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award
Silver Level**
175 to 249 hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award
Gold Level**
250 hours or more



**Presidential
Volunteer
Service Award
All Ages**
4,000 hours or
more of volunteer
service (over a
lifetime)

Adults (25 and older)



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award
Bronze Level**
100 to 249 hours



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award
Silver Level**
250 to 499 hours



























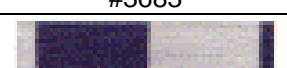






**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award
Gold Level**
500 hours or more



**Presidential
Volunteer Service
Award
All Ages**
4,000 hours or
more of volunteer
service (over a
lifetime)


Young Marines Ribbon Chart Order of Precedence

Level/Precedence	1	2	3	4
Level I				
Personal Decoration				
Pages 14-17	Distinguished Service #3606	Personal Commendation #3619	Meritorious Service #4036	Lifesaving 1 st Degree #3401
				
Pages 18-21	Lifesaving 2 nd Degree #1346	Lifesaving 3 rd Degree #7119	Personal Achievement #3308	Young Marine of the Year #3309
				
Pages 22-23	Commendation of Merit #1200	Honor Graduate #4030		
Level II				
Achievement Awards				
Pages 24-27	Unit of the Year #5133	Young Marine Sergeant Major #5216	Young Marine First Sergeant #5194	Good Conduct #3504
				
Pages 28-31	Academic Achievement #4003	Young Marine Achievement #3233	Salesman of the Year #5198	Recruiter of the Year #5069
				
Pages 32-34	Perfect Physical Fitness Score #5310	Drill Competition #3009	Perfect Attendance #4026	
Level III				
Service Awards				
Pages 35-38	Distinguished Unit Citation #5211	Young Marine Unit Commendation #3683	MCL Commendation #1502	Young Marine Staff #3420
				
Pages 39-42	Color Guard #4209	Unit Chaplain #3665	Veterans Appreciation #5501	Outstanding Recruiter #4054
				
Page 43	Outstanding Salesman #5009			

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-1	#3606
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines distinguishes himself/herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Young Marines in a duty of great responsibility.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, an exceptional performance of duty, clearly above that normally expected, which has contributed materially to the success of the National Young Marines Program is required. 2. In general, the Distinguish Service Ribbon will be awarded only to those Young Marines in National capacity whose service is such as to justify the award. This shall not be interpreted to preclude the award of the Distinguish Service Ribbon to any individual whose service meets the requirements. 3. If there is any doubt as to the degree of service involved, the Personal Commendation Ribbon is the more appropriate award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Instructions:

1. **Timeliness.** A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. **Summary of Action.** Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. **Writing the Citation:** The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	PERSONAL COMMENDATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-2	#3619
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who distinguishes himself/herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding service.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the service rendered must have been comparable to that required for the Distinguished Service Ribbon but in a duty of lesser though considerable responsibility. 2. In general, the Personal Commendation Ribbon will be awarded to Young Marines who have performed exceptionally meritorious service as to justify the Distinguished Service Award except as to degree of merit. However, this should not be interpreted to preclude the award of a Personal commendation to any individual, regardless of rank, whose acts or services meet the requirements. 3. When the degree of achievement or service rendered, although meritorious, is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Personal Commendation Ribbon, the Meritorious Service Ribbon or Personal Achievement Ribbon should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


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3. Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-3	#4036
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who, while serving in any capacity with the Young Marines Program who distinguishes himself/herself by meritorious achievement or service.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To justify this award, accomplishment or performance of duty above that normally expected, and sufficient to distinguish the individual among those performing comparable duties is required, although less than the requirements for the Personal Commendation Ribbon. Single acts of merit or meritorious service in connection with the Young Marine operation may justify the award. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


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- Summary of Action. Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
- Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING FIRST DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-4	#3401
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, distinguishes himself/herself by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving without regard to the risk of one's own life for the benefit of another human being.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual level of personal "life threatening" risk experienced by the rescuer determines the justification of this award for heroism. 2. For heroic performance to rise to this level it must be clearly established that the act involved very specific life-threatening risk to the rescuer. When there is none, or at best very limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer, the award of the Lifesaving Second Class may be more appropriate. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	

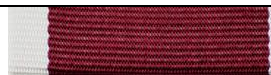
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2. Summary of Action. Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING SECOND DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-5	#1346
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, distinguishes himself/herself by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving with limited life-threatening risk to one's own life for the benefit of another human being.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The actual level of personal "life threatening" risk experienced by the rescuer determines the justification of this award for heroism 2. For heroic performance to rise to this level it must be clearly established that the act involved very specific life-threatening risk to the rescuer. When there is no life-threatening risk to the rescuer, the award of the Lifesaving Third Class may be more appropriate. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


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3. Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	LIFESAVING THIRD DEGREE	
Order of Precedence:	I-6	#7119
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity as a Young Marine, distinguishes himself/herself by heroism for acts of lifesaving, or attempted lifesaving of another human being, animal, or wildlife.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award for heroism, there should be no risk or at best very limited life-threatening risk to the rescuer. 2. For heroic performance to raise to this level it must be clearly established that the act involved a sincere effort by the rescuer to save the life of another human being, animal, or wildlife. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


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3. Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.

Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-7	#3308
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Regimental Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to members of the Young Marines who distinguish themselves by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to the Young Marines Program.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to the criteria that is required for the Personal Commendation but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Personal Achievement Ribbon, the Commendation of Merit Ribbon, when appropriate should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm 9/16” – Division Award Silver Palm 9/16” – Regimental Award	

Instructions:


4. Timeliness. A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority within thirty (30) days following the act, achievement or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
5. Summary of Action. Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
6. Writing the Citation: The National Executive Director will write the citation based on the summary of action.


Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR	
Order of Precedence:	I-8	#3309
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who exhibits exceptional performance during the course of the past year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selection criteria for Young Marine of the Year is provided in the Registered Adult Manual, Appendix C. 2. To justify this award, the Young Marine must have exhibited exceptional performance for the past year. Selection should not be judged solely on achievements, but on all areas of performance and personal conduct since joining the Young Marines. 3. The candidate as a minimum must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a member of the unit for one or more years. b. Attained at least one promotion. c. Have an outstanding attendance record. d. Have an outstanding conduct record. e. Pass all personnel inspections. f. Pass all Physical Fitness Tests. 	
Authorized Devices:	National Young Marine of the Year is authorized to wear the National YMOY Rocker. Division Young Marine of the Year is authorized to wear the Division YMOY Rocker Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm 9/16” – Division Award Silver Palm 9/16” – Regimental Award Bronze Palm 9/16” – Battalion Award For unit award only -Bronze Star (3/16”) for subsequent awards 3/16” Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	COMMENDATION OF MERIT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-9	#1200
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for a single act of meritorious service, not sufficient to warrant the Personal Achievement Ribbon, for service to the Young Marines program.	
Criteria:	<p>1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to that required for the Personal Achievement Ribbon but in a duty of lesser responsibility.</p> <p>When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Commendation of Merit Ribbon, the Achievement Ribbon, when appropriate should be considered.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame – National Gold Palm 9/16” – Division Award Silver Palm 9/16” – Regimental Award Bronze Palm 9/16” – Battalion Award Bronze Star (3/16”) for subsequent awards 3/16” Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


Instructions:


1. Timeliness. A timely recommendation is essential to a successful award program. A recommendation must be submitted to the appropriate issuing authority as soon as possible following the act, achievement or service upon which it is based. All recommendations must be appropriately justified and sufficiently detailed to allow proper evaluation and decision.
2. Summary of Action. Submit a summary of action in letter format to the appropriate issuing authority. Since each award recommendation is evaluated on the merits of the summary of action, present an objective summary giving specific examples of the performance and manner of accomplishing it, together with the results and benefits derived using the short bullet-format style. The amount of detail and supporting documentation required will depend upon the circumstances and the nature of the award being recommended, but, in general, a single page is appropriate.
3. Writing the three-part Citation: Follow the three-part format for writing a citation and include it with the summary of action. Submit both to the appropriate issuing authority.


Award Type:	Personal	
Name of Award:	HONOR GRADUATE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	I-10	#4030
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine Recruit who is designated the Honor Graduate of their Recruit Training Class or Young Marine who is designated the Honor Graduate of their Leadership School.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine Recruit, in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the Basic Ribbon, must demonstrate the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Displayed exceptional leadership qualities. 2. Attended <u>all</u> scheduled drills during the recruit-training period. <p>An absence, for which the Young Marine Recruit has provided the unit commander with a written explanation is considered excused and should be counted as present for the purpose of this award. Young Marine Recruit can have no more than 3 excused absences during recruit training to be eligible for this ribbon award.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Be signed off on all required Performance Objectives and Enabling Objectives for Young Marine Recruit Training. 4. Pass the Young Marines Physical Fitness Test. <p>2. The Young Marine must graduate JLS, SLS or ALS as the school Honor Graduate.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Silver R – Honor Recruit Silver J – JLS Honor Graduate Silver S – SLS Honor Graduate Gold A – ALS – Honor Graduate Multiple devices are authorized for wear on one ribbon.</p>	

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	UNIT OF THE YEAR RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-1	# 5133
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marines who are members of the Unit of the Year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must be a member of the Unit of the Year on the day of the official announcement. 2. The award is authorized for Young Marines who were members of former Units of the Year prior to the adoption of this award. The criteria in paragraph 1 applies. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm 9/16” – Division Award Silver Palm 9/16” – Regimental Award Bronze Palm 9/16” – Battalion Award	
Unit Streamer (National Award Only)	The unit is authorized to display the Unit of the Year Streamer on their unit colors – authorized for National Award Only. A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent national awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	


Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE SERGEANT MAJOR	
Order of Precedence:	II-2	# 5216
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine Master Gunnery Sergeants who have successfully served in the Young Marine Sergeant Major billet officially designated by a unit and a battalion commander, regimental commander, division commander, or National Headquarters.	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must be a Young Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant who has successfully completed a tour of (3 to 6 months) as Unit Young Marine Sergeant Major in addition to one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Battalion Young Marine Sergeant Major 2. Regimental Young Marine Sergeant Major 3. Division Young Marine Sergeant Major 4. National Young Marine Sergeant Major (Must be selected as YM/Sgt Maj at an approved national event such as Leadership Academy) <p>See Advanced Guidebook for additional information</p> <p>Pre-requisite – Must have earned the YM/ 1st Sgt ribbon.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame for National Service Gold Palm 9/16” for Division Service Silver Palm 9/16” for Regimental Service Bronze Palm 9/16” for Battalion Service No devices authorized on unit level.</p>	

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE FIRST SERGEANT	
Order of Precedence:	II-3	# 5194
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to Young Marine Master Sergeants who have successfully served as a Young Marine First Sergeant.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a Young Marine Master Sergeant. 2. Successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of the Unit Young Marine First Sergeant as outlined by the Advanced Young Marine Guide. In addition, the Unit Young Marine First Sergeant must hold a Young Marine First Sergeant billet on a higher headquarters level. 3. Successfully performed all duties as the Unit Young Marine First Sergeant for not less than 3 months. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame for National Service Gold Palm 9/16" for Division Service Silver Palm 9/16" for Regimental Service Bronze Palm 9/16" for Battalion Service No devices authorized on unit level.	


Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-4	# 3504
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any Young Marine who lives by the Young Marine Obligation and abides by the Young Marine Creed for a period of two years.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be a Young Marine for not less than 2 years. 2. Sets an example for all other youth to follow. 3. Never does anything that brings disgrace or dishonor on their God, country, flag, parents, or themselves. 4. Obeys their parents or legal guardian. 5. Keeps his/herself neat at all times without being told. 6. Keeps a clean mind and cares for others. 7. Keeps alert in school, at home, or at play. 8. Maintains self-discipline to control their body and mind. 	
Authorized Devices:	3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards. 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	

Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-5	# 4003
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any Young Marine who maintains a 3.0 grade point average or equivalent for a period of one academic year and/or awarded to any Young Marine who passes the Aviation Ground School.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any Young Marine maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or equivalent for a period of one academic year shall be recommended for the Academic Achievement Ribbon with gold lamp device. Attach a copy of the Young Marine's report card for each reporting period to your letter of recommendation to the lowest issuing authority. 2. Many schools do not mark by the 4.0 grade point system below; the unit commander must determine the equivalent grading system. 4.0=A 3.0=B 2.0=C 1.0=D 3. Unit Commanders may use their discretion for plus and minus marks based on the schools with in their area. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Lamp Device is authorized for wear if grade point average is 3.5 or higher. Gold Airplane Device is authorized for wear for Young Marines who attend and pass Aviation Ground School. If the Young Marine has not previously earned this ribbon then the ribbon is awarded with the device. Both the Gold Lamp and Gold Airplane are authorized to be worn at the same time on one ribbon.	


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Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-6	# 3233
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for a single act of meritorious service or achievement not sufficient to warrant the Commendation of Merit, for service to the Young Marines program.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To justify this award, the acts or services rendered by a Young Marine, regardless of rank, must have been comparable to that required for the Commendation of Merit but in a duty of lesser responsibility. 2. When the degree of meritorious achievement or service rendered is not sufficient to warrant the award of the Young Marine Achievement Ribbon, a Letter of Appreciation, when appropriate, should be considered. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame for National Award Gold Palm 9/16" for Division Award Silver Palm 9/16" for Regimental Award Bronze Palm 9/16" for Battalion Award For unit level only - Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	


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Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	SALESMAN OF THE YEAR RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-7	# 5198
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has demonstrated outstanding salesmanship ability during the year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placed first overall in all fundraising events for their Unit for the current operating year (October to September), or 2. Achieved similar acts, during the same period, for other nonprofit organizations to which a Young Marine is a member, such as church or school groups. Certification of this achievement with other organizations must be verified in writing from the person in charge of the event to the unit commander. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	


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Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	RECRUITER OF THE YEAR	
Order of Precedence:	II-8	#5069
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who recruits the most youth into the Young Marines program.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruit the most youth into the Young Marines during the current operating year (October to September). The total number of recruits must exceed 5 youth. 2. Sixty percent of the recruited youth must graduate from boot camp. The Young Marine shall get credit, if the recruited youth graduate boot camp in the next operating year. For example, a boot camp that begins in August may not graduate until October. 	
Authorized Devices:	Bronze Star (3/16") for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	


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Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	PERFECT PHYSICAL FITNESS SCORE	
Order of Precedence:	II-9	# 5310
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has scored a total of 500 points during an officially scheduled physical fitness test.	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate in a officially scheduled Physical Fitness Test b. Score 100 points in each of the five events on the day the Physical Fitness Test is conducted <p>Young Marines in receipt of their sixth award shall be recommended for a Personal Achievement Ribbon to the lowest awarding authority.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>3/16" Bronze Star for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.</p>	


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Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	DRILL COMPETITION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-10	#3009
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who competes in a drill competition against other units or organizations and the performance is judged by other officials.	
Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Must be a marching member of the competing drill team or color guard. b. Must participate in the competition as a marching member of the competing drill team or color guard. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame for National Competition Gold Palm 9/16" for Division Competition Silver Palm 9/16" for Regimental Competition Bronze Palm 9/16" for Battalion Competition For unit level only - 3/16" Bronze Star for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	
Unit Streamer (National Award Only)	The unit is authorized the Drill Competition Streamer for earning first place at the National Directors Cup Competition. A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent national awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	


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Award Type:	Achievement	
Name of Award:	PERFECT ATTENDANCE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	II-11	# 4026
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has 100% attendance at all regularly scheduled unit drills and activities for a period of one year.	
Criteria:	<p>1) The one-year time period begins with the date of the first drill in October to the last drill in September.</p> <p>2) Young Marines who are in receipt of their sixth award shall be recommended for a Personal Achievement Ribbon to the lowest awarding authority.</p> <p>An absence, for which the Young Marine has provided the unit commander with a written explanation is considered excused and should be counted as present for the purpose of this award.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>3/16" Bronze Star for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.</p>	

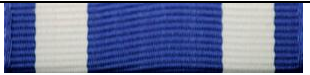
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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION	
Order of Precedence:	III-1	# 5211
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine unit for outstanding, distinguished service or performance of duty.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For outstanding service to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Country, State or municipality b. Deeds rendered to individuals or non-profit organizations in the service of individuals or communities in need. 2. Units must clearly render itself conspicuous by duty of a character comparable to that which would merit the award of a Distinguished Service Award of an individual. 3. The activity must be a unit activity involving no less than 75 percent of its active youth and adult members. 4. All recommendations for this award must be forwarded to the National Executive Director with a summary of action describing in detail the action and justification for this award. 	
Authorized Devices:	3/16" Bronze Star for subsequent awards 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	
Streamer & Devices:	The unit is authorized the Distinguished Unit Citation Streamer. A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-2	# 3683
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Regimental Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine unit that distinguishes itself by outstanding deeds of service to its country, state, and city.	
Criteria:	<p>1) Units must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Distinguish themselves by performing extreme meritorious service rendering the unit outstanding compared to other units performing similar service. b) Have performed service as a unit of a character comparable to that, which merits the award of a Meritorious Service Ribbon to an individual for National and Division Awards or the Personal Achievement Award at the Regimental Award. c) An award will not be made to a unit for deed of one or more of its component parts, unless such unit performed as a total team in a manner to justify the award. <p>2) This award may be presented for similar deeds to an individual church, religious group, nonprofit organizations, or</p> <p>3) Outstanding service or performance of duty to any branch of the United States Armed Forces.</p> <p>Division Award – Awarded if deeds of service are not sufficient to be awarded at the National Level Regimental Award – Awarded if deeds of service are not sufficient to be awarded at the Division Level.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame for National Gold Palm 9/16” for Division Silver Palm 9/16” for Regimental	
Streamer & Devices:	<p>The unit is authorized the Young Marine Unit Commendation Ribbon Streamer.</p> <p>A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.</p>	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	MARINE CORPS LEAGUE UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON AWARD	
Order of Precedence:	III-3	# 1502
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Executive Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine unit, battalion, regiment, or division for outstanding performance of duty to the community over an extended period of time, or for any single act when the Unit has performed under great competition with other units or organizations.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This award is initiated at the request of the Marine Corps League National Commandant, Division Commandant, Department Commandant, or Detachment Commandant to the National Executive Director of the Young Marines. 2. Unit commanders are encouraged to contact their regimental commanders and/or local detachment commandants and submit the necessary supporting documentation to merit this prestigious award. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>A “Gold Palm 9/16” for an award presented by the MCL National Commandant</p> <p>A “Silver Palm 9/16” for an award presented by the MCL Division Commandant</p> <p>A “Bronze Palm 9/16” for an award presented by the MCL Department Commandant.</p>	
Streamer & Devices:	<p>The unit is authorized the Marine Corps League Unit Commendation Streamer. This streamer is provided by the Marine Corps League.</p> <p>A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.</p>	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE STAFF RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-4	# 3420
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for satisfactory service as a member of the Young Marine Staff.	
Criteria:	<p>The Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) National award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be a graduate of the Advance Leadership School. b) Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the National Executive Director or those acting on his or her behalf at a nationally sponsored activity or encampment. 2) Division award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be a graduate of the Senior Leadership School or equivalent leadership school. b) Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the Division Commander or those acting on his or her behalf at a division sponsored activity or encampment. 3) Regimental award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be a graduate of the Junior Leadership School or equivalent leadership school. b) Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the Regimental Commander or those acting on his or her behalf at a regimental sponsored activity or encampment. 4) Battalion award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have attended all functions and performed such duties as directed by the Battalion Commander or those acting on his or her behalf at a battalion sponsored activity or encampment. 5) Unit award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Served on the Young Marine Staff for not less than six months. b) Performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. <p>The unit level award is a prerequisite for earning the battalion, regimental, division, or national staff ribbon.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame for National Award Gold Palm 9/16” for Division Award Silver Palm 9/16” for Regimental Award Bronze Palm 9/16” for Battalion Award For unit level only - 3/16” Bronze Star for subsequent awards 3/16” Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	
Streamer & Devices:	Not applicable.	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	COLOR GUARD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-5	# 4209
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has participated in the Unit Color Guard.	
Criteria:	<p>The Color Guard member must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Served for a period of one year or participated in five public functions. 2. Performed his or her duties in a satisfactory manner. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame for National Gold Palm 9/16" for Division Silver Palm 9/16" for Regimental Bronze Palm 9/16" for Battalion Unit level only – Color Guard Ribbon Bar</p>	
Unit Streamer (National Award Only)	<p>The unit is authorized the Color Guard Streamer for earning first place at the National Directors Cup Competition.</p> <p>A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent national awards.</p> <p>A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.</p>	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	UNIT CHAPLAIN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-6	# 3665
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for service as a Unit Chaplain for a period of one year.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attended all meetings, conferences, encampments and other functions as deemed necessary by the unit commander. b. Conducted the Invocation and Benediction for at least three (3) ceremonies for the unit. c. Served as a spiritual inspiration to other Young Marines and adult staff. d. Be actively involved in their home church or spiritual group for this one year period. 2. Subsequent awards may be earned for each year the Young Marine serves as the Unit Chaplain. 	
Authorized Devices:	A 3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards. A 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	VETERANS APPRECIATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-7	# 5501
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Headquarters	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has participated in their unit's activities that coincide with the National Young Marines Veterans Appreciation week held annually in November; or has completed a minimum of 3 interviews through the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The unit must submit a formal after action report to the National Headquarters Public Affairs Officer on or before the established deadline for the Veteran's Appreciation Week reporting: Nov. 11-Dec 1st annually. This report is filed online at: www.youngmarines.com/vetsweek 2. The Library of Congress Veterans History Project reports must be submitted directly to the National Headquarters Training Department via mail for consideration of the ribbon. A minimum of 3 reports must be filed in order for a Young Marine to be eligible to receive the ribbon. 3. The unit must receive official recognition for their participation in Veteran's Appreciation Week by the National Headquarters. 4. The Young Marine must have actively participated in 80 percent of the unit's scheduled Veteran's Appreciation Week activities. 	
Authorized Device	None	
Unit Streamer (National Award Only)	The unit is authorized to display the Veterans Appreciation Streamer. Issued by National Headquarters.	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	OUTSTANDING RECRUITER	
Order of Precedence:	III-8	# 4054
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who through personal example and enthusiasm actively recruits new youth members into unit.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must recruit five youth into the Young Marines Program. 2. Three of the 5 youth must graduate boot camp. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>A 3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards.</p> <p>A 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.</p>	


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Award Type:	Service	
Name of Award:	OUTSTANDING SALESMAN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	III-9	# 5009
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a fundraising event and who achieves the unit's individual fundraising goal. Also awarded in recognition of a similar act for other non-profit organizations that a Young Marine is a member, such as church or school groups.	
Criteria:	<p>For a Young Marines fundraising event, the Young Marines must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet the unit goal for individual sales. 2. All monies and unsold product must be returned to the unit by the fundraising closing date. 3. Have made the effort in making sales for the fundraiser. Assistance by family members should be minimal. <p>For fundraisers with other non-profit organizations, the Young Marine must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate outstanding salesmanship ability by placing first in any fundraising event. 2. Obtain a certification of this achievement with other organizations must be verified in writing from the person in charge of the event to the unit commander. The certification letter is filed in the Young Marine's YMRB. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>A 3/16-inch Bronze star for subsequent awards A 3/16-inch Silver star for subsequent awards in lieu of 5 bronze stars</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION RIBBON (DRR)	
Order of Precedence:	IV-1	# 4015
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	<p>Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully executes the Enabling Objectives and Performance Requirements listed in the Performance Qualification Review for Performance Objective 5 Drug Prevention and Resistance in the Basic, Junior and Senior guidebooks and Performance Objective 6 Drug Prevention and Education in the Advanced guidebook. There are four levels for this award:</p> <p align="center"> Level 1 for the Basic Young Marines, Level 2 for the Junior Young Marines, Level 3 for the Senior Young Marines, Level 4 for the Advanced Young Marines. </p>	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must complete the following for each level.</p> <p>a. <u>Level 1.</u> Complete the Basic Young Marine Guide, Performance Objective 5 by successfully completing and/or performing all the tasks for each Enabling Objective listed in the Performance Objective Review. Received the required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours.</p> <p>b. <u>Level 2.</u> Complete the Junior Young Marine Guide, Performance Objective 5 by successfully completing and/or performing all the tasks for each Enabling Objective listed in the Performance Objective Review. Received the required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours.</p> <p>c. <u>Level 3.</u> Complete the Senior Young Marine Guide, Performance Objective 5 by successfully completing and/or performing all the tasks for each Enabling Objective listed in the Performance Objective Review. Received the required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours.</p> <p>d. <u>Level 4.</u> Complete the Advanced Young Marine Guide, Performance Objective 6 by successfully completing and/or performing all the tasks for each Enabling Objective listed in the Performance Objective Review. Received the required quarterly DDR training of at least 3 hours.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>One Bronze Star (3/16") for Level 2 Two Bronze Stars (3/16") for Level 3 Three Bronze Stars for (3/16") for Level 4 DEA Device -This device will be provided by the DEA to the National Headquarters, to be awarded to a Young Marine who, while serving in any capacity of the Young Marines, distinguishes themselves by giving four presentations on Drug Demand Reduction to civic, community and other appropriate audiences to promote the ideals of a drug-free lifestyle. Submit to NHQ training department the contact information for the four presentations, once verified the DEA device will be mailed to the unit. Gold Crown Device – Awarded to those Young Marines who have directly participated in the efforts of their unit winning the Fulcrum Shield Award.</p>	
Unit Streamer (National Award Only)	<p>The unit is authorized to display the DDR Streamer for unit's participation in the National Red Ribbon Week Campaign. Issued by National Headquarters. A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent national awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars. A gold crown is added to the streamer of unit's receiving the Fulcrum Shield Award.</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SENATOR J.H. CHAFEE CONSERVATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-2	# 3616
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who exhibits a strong interest in conservation through personal research and observation, oral and written communication, and daily practice.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over the a period of six consecutive months: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Construct and maintain a birdfeeder for at least three months, including one winter month. The birdfeeder must be placed in a safe location away from predatory animals. The Young Marine must identify no less than 6 species of birds using the feeder during the same three-month period. b. Prepare a composition on 6 wild animals common to your state. Provide common and scientific names, a short description of the animal, their eating habits, their habitat, and draw a picture of their track. c. List poisonous snakes found in your state and provide a short description of each snake. List 6 non-poisonous snakes and describe how each contributes to the balance of nature. d. Collect and identify 10 different tree leaves. Press the leaves, attach each leaf to paper, and write the name of the leaf on the paper. e. Plant a seed garden, indoor or outdoor, and accurately record the growth of the plant once a week until it matures. Be sure to include the date planted and the first sign of growth. f. Collect 10 rocks found in your state. Identify and describe each. g. List 10 fish found in your state. Identify and describe each. h. Prepare a written composition of not less than 200 words, on a national or state park of the Young Marines choice found in their state giving date established, location, and significant landmarks. Explain how the park contributes to conservation. 2. All activities listed in paragraph 1 must be submitted to and approved by the unit commander. 	
Authorized Devices:	None	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-3	#3307
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Headquarters Academy Director	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes the Young Marine National Advanced Leadership School.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the National Advanced Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine platoon. c. Demonstrated the ability to instruct using the techniques of military instruction. d. Carried out assigned duties in satisfactory manner. e. Served as a positive leader and role model to junior leaders. f. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Completed the two-week Advanced Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SENIOR LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-4	# 4025
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Headquarters Academy Director or Nationally certified equivalent.	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes the National Senior Leadership School or a local accredited school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the Senior Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Passed the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrated the ability to drill a Young Marine platoon. c. Demonstrated the ability to instruct using the techniques of military instruction. d. Carried out assigned leadership positions in a satisfactory manner. e. Served as a positive student leader and team member to peers and senior leaders. f. Met all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Completed the one-week Senior Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	None for local accredited schools. Gold Ribbon Frame for completing the National School.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-5	# 3674
Lowest Issuing Authority:	National Headquarters Academy Director or Nationally certified equivalent.	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes the National Junior Leadership School or a local accredited school.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must successfully complete all aspects of the Junior Leadership School curriculum. Most importantly they must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pass the Physical Fitness Test. b. Demonstrate the ability to drill a Young Marine squad. c. Carry out assigned leadership duties in a satisfactory manner. d. Serve as a positive student leader and team member to peers and senior leaders. e. Meet all performance and conduct standards established by the school director. 2. Completed the one-week Junior Leadership School. 	
Authorized Devices:	None for local accredited schools. Gold Ribbon Frame for completing the National School.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-6	# 4002
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who performs a service that benefits their community, veteran's organization, military unit, service organization, i.e. the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc., youth group, or school.	
Criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Completed 50 community service hours for a period not to exceed 12 months. An official of the recipient organization(s) must certify the community service hours. b. The hours may accumulate by service to one, or a combination of organizations. The Young Marine is responsible for obtaining and retaining, community service hour certifications until the required hours are accumulated. c. A certification may be a simple letter by an official of the recipient organization written on the organization's letterhead paper. The original letters filed in the Young Marine's YMRB after the hours are entered in the Young Marines Database System. d. This award can be earned multiple times in a single calendar year provided the criteria in a., b. and c. are met. 	
Authorized Devices:	A 3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards A 3/16" Silver star in lieu of 5 bronze stars	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-7	# 5404
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to any Young Marine who successfully obtains a leadership position outside of the program through schools, sports teams, church, or other extracurricular clubs and activities.	
Criteria:	<p>4. The Young Marine must hold a leadership position such as team captain or president in a sports team, student organization, or student government organization, or youth leadership organization outside of the program.</p> <p>The Young Marine must present a letter or document verifying their position from a sponsor, coach, or other certified adult mentor. This cannot come from a relative of the Young Marine.</p> <p>5. The Young Marine must hold this leadership position for the duration of the normal range required by the outside organization. An example would be maintaining the captain's position on the little league team for the season, or maintaining the student body president position for the school year.</p> <p>6. Unit Commanders, other than those who are related to the Young Marine, are authorized to use their discretion in determining eligibility based on the documents submitted.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	<p>3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards.</p> <p>3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.</p>	


AWARDS MANUAL

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSITATION RIBBON (CPR)	
Order of Precedence:	IV-8	# 1350
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has a current CPR certification.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course. 2. The course must be prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The American Red Cross b. The American Heart Association c. Local Hospital Training Program d. Local Police, Fire Department, or Emergency Medical Service, etc. 3. Possess a valid and up-to-date CPR Certification Card. 4. CPR certification requires re-qualification. The Young Marine must re-qualify as required by the governing body of the certification to retain the ribbon. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED FIRST AID RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-9	# 3607
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has completed additional first aid above that required to earn the Basic First Aid Ribbon	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Earned the Basic First Aid Ribbon. b. Completed a community First Aid course prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The American Red Cross ii) Local Hospital, Health Center, or Community College Training Program iii) Local Police, Fire Department or Emergency Services, etc. c. Completed a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course prescribed by a qualified governing body, such as but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The American Red Cross ii) The American Heart Association iii) Local Hospital, Health Center, Community College Training Program <p>CPR certification must be valid and up-to-date.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	None	


AWARDS MANUAL

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-10	# 3603
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who meets the Young Marine Physical Fitness Standard.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete the Young Marine Physical Fitness Test with an overall score of 250 or higher for YM/CPL and above. 200 for YM PVT through YM/LCPL. b. Meet the applicable score during each physical fitness test to retain the applicable ribbon. 2. The Young Marine who scores: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 300to 399 is authorized to wear the Physical Fitness Ribbon with the Roman numeral “II” centered on the ribbon. b. 400 to 500 is authorized to wear the Physical Fitness Ribbon with the Roman number “I” centered on the ribbon. c. 475 to 499 should be awarded an Unit Achievement Certificate denoting the Young Marines accomplishment d. 500 shall be awarded the Perfect Physical Fitness Ribbon. All such scores shall be reported to National Headquarters for recognition in the Esprit Magazine. 	
Authorized Devices:	Roman numeral “I” Roman numeral “II”	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	BASIC FIRST AID RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-11	# 4047
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes a course of instruction in Basic Aid or Basic First Aid Training.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must have:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Successfully completed a course of instruction given in Basic Aid Training (BAT), Basic First Aid, or Standard First Aid prescribed by, but not limited to the following:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">1) The American Red Cross</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">2) Local Hospital, Heath Center, or Community College training program.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">3) Local Police, Fire Department or Emergency Services, etc.</p>	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


AWARDS MANUAL

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-12	# 5129
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has completed, under the instruction of a qualified Fire Safety Instructor/Professional Firefighter, a Basic Fire Safety course.	
Criteria:	<p>The Basic Fire Safety course must include, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper care and maintenance of home smoke detectors. 2. Develop an E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home) diagram of their residence. 3. Complete a basic fire extinguisher usage and application session. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


AWARDS MANUAL

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SWIMMING RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-13	# 4041
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who meets the swim qualification requirements.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are three classes of qualification—Class I (Intermediate), Class II (Basic), and Class III (Beginner) swimmer. Annual re-qualification is left to the discretion of the unit commander based on available resources. 2. During the swim test, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Class III beginner swimmer must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Fully submerge face and body. ii) Demonstrate buoyancy. iii) Demonstrate basic breathing control. iv) Float by using the flutter kick on front and back for 1 minute. b. The Class II basic swimmer must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Meet the Class III criteria. ii) Swim 25 yards using the crawl stroke. iii) Swim 25 yards using the elementary backstroke. c. The Class I intermediate swimmer must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Swim 25 yards using the crawl stroke. ii) Swim 25 yards using the elementary backstroke. iii) Swim 25 yards using the sidestroke. iv) Swim 25 yards using the breaststroke. 	
Authorized Devices:	Roman numeral “I” for Class I Swimmer Roman numeral “II” for Class II Swimmer	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SPORTSMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-14	# 3202
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who actively participates in any recognized and organized sport, individual or team and displays outstanding sportsmanship qualities.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written verification from their coach. 2. In cases where the Young Marine is a relative of the coach(es), written verification must come from an assistant coach or other qualified individual who is not related to the Young Marine. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>A 3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards A 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars The Gold Frame is authorized for any Young Marine who earns a National Sportsmanship Title</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MUSICIAN RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-15	# 3502
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a music program and demonstrates outstanding achievements in the music field.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must be involved in a music program. The program may be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organized such as a school or church band, choir, theater group b. Less organized pick-up bands or choirs, or musical groups, etc. c. Individual training programs such as music lessons in instrument, voice, writing, and etc. 2. To demonstrate outstanding achievement, the Young Marine must participate as an individual or member of a group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concert b. Recital c. Competition 	
Authorized Devices:	A 3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards A 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars The Gold Frame is authorized for any Young Marine who earns a National Musician Title.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SEAMANSHIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-16	# 3108
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who completes a boating course as prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attend and successfully complete a boating course prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling. b. Possess a certification card denoting completing a boating course prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron of America or similar organizations offering courses in boating safety or small boat handling. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


AWARDS MANUAL

Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	SCUBA RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-17	# 3221
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has received certification by a national or international certifying organization.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must have successfully completed and met the certification requirements of one of the following certifying organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) b. National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) c. Scuba Schools International (SSI) d. International Diving Educators Association (IDEA) e. Professional Divers Instructors Corporation (P.D.I.C.) 2. They must possess a certification card offered by the organization listed above. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ADVANCED FIELD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-18	# 5025
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes and performs the requirements in Performance Objective 3 of the Junior Young Marine Guide.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a Junior Young Marine (YM/CPL or YM/SGT) b. Successfully perform and complete all of the Enabling Objectives listed in the Performance Objective Review in the Junior Young Marines Guide, Performance Objective 3. c. Demonstrate or perform the skills during the course of one or more encampments. 2. Safety Warning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many of the skills to be demonstrated or performed require practice and close supervision of the instructor. b. The “talk, show, and do” method of instruction should be used whenever possible. c. Each skill must be demonstrated or performed with safety in mind and should be stressed to the Young Marine continuously. 3. Please check local ordinances regarding campfires and waste disposal. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	QUALIFIED FIELD RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-19	# 1544
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully performs and demonstrates skills in selected field craft.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a Basic Young Marine (YM/PVT, YM/PFC or YM/LCPL) b. Successfully perform and complete all of the Enabling Objectives listed in the Performance Objective Review in the Basic Young Marines Guide, Performance Objective 3. c. Demonstrate or perform the skills during the course of one or more encampments. 2. Safety Warning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many of the skills to be demonstrated or performed require practice and close supervision of the instructor. b. The “talk, show, and do” method of instruction should be used whenever possible. c. Each skill must be demonstrated or performed with safety in mind and should be stressed to the Young Marine continuously. d. Please check local ordinances regarding campfires and waste disposal. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ORIENTEERING RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-20	# 5119
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who leads a team through an orienteering course and completes an individual orienteering competition.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Marine must have earned the Land Navigation Ribbon. 2. Participate in an orienteering competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As an <u>individual</u>, successfully complete the orientation course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Meet the established time requirement ii) Find 90 percent of the assigned markers b. As a <u>team</u>, lead the team successfully in completing the orientation course. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Complete the course with the whole team ii) Meet the established time requirement iii) Find all of the assigned markers 3. The Young Marine must accomplish both 2.a. and 2.b., above. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	LAND NAVIGATION RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-21	# 7130
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge on the proper use of the map and compass and skill in land navigation as described in the Young Marines Guide.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have earned the Map & Compass Ribbon. b. Be a Senior Young Marine (YM/SSGT or YM/GYSGT) c. Successfully perform and complete all of the Enabling Objectives listed in the Performance Objective Review in the Senior Young Marines Guide, Performance Objective 4. d. Use a compass and applicable map on a land navigation course located in a wilderness area where there are appreciable terrain features and the shortest legs are not less than 50 meters. e. Use the map and compass to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Navigate to 5 locations using four legs on the map. ii) Plot the 5 points on a map and plan your legs from Point 1 to each point in sequence to Point 5. iii) Successfully navigate to five of the 5 points on the map. f. Participate in an orienteering competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) As an <u>individual</u>, successfully complete the orientation course. ii) As a <u>team member</u>, assist the team leader in successfully completing the orientation course. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MAP & COMPASS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-22	# 7137
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge on the proper use of the map and compass as described in the Young Marines Guide.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be a Junior Young Marine (YM/CPL or YM/SGT) b. Successfully perform and complete all of the Enabling Objectives listed in the Performance Objective Review in the Junior Young Marines Guide, Performance Objective 4. c. Use an applicable map and compass on a land navigation course. d. Use the map and compass to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Navigate to 5 locations using four legs on the map. ii) Plot the 5 points on a map and plan your legs from Point 1 to each point in sequence to Point 5. iii) Successfully navigate to three of the 5 points on the map. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	COMMUNICATIONS RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-23	# 3713
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who demonstrates knowledge and skills in one or more areas in the communications field listed below.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Standard Radio-Telephone Procedures.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attend a basic radio-telephone class that includes receiving, copying and sending radio-telephone transmissions over unsecured line or radio net using the phonetic alphabet and proper radio methods used by the U.S. Marines. b. Pass a written, oral and practical examination as prescribed by the unit commander. 2. <u>Written Media Publications (Newspaper, Magazines, and Newsletters).</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Must have an article published in any commercial or non-commercial newspaper, magazine, or newsletter with a reader-base of 50 or more subscribers or members. b. The article must be at least 200 words in length and related to any Young Marine, school, church, or community activity that the Young Marine took part in. c. Unit Commanders will place copies of published articles in the Young Marine's YMRB. 3. <u>Radio and Television.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate in an internship program or program with a local radio or television station for a period of one year b. Through a written paper of 200 to 300 words describe a basic understanding of radio/television planning, production, and service to the community. 4. <u>Computer (Web design).</u> Not required to be placed on the Internet. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Using standard web software design, build and support a website that provides unit information to other Young Marines as well as the general public about the National Young Marines program and their unit. b. Provide a demonstration on the web page and present a 200-300 word essay on the project including problems, resolutions, pitfalls, and successes. 5. <u>Foreign Languages. (Fluent in a language other than English, including sign)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Young Marine must show a basic understanding and knowledge of the language. b. Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or from an interviewer if the course was taken on-line or learned in the home. 	
Authorized Devices:	Foreign Language only – Silver Four Point Compass	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	MARKSMANSHIP SAFETY RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-24	# 3005
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completes the course of instruction outlined in the Marksmanship Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Part I and instructed by a qualified marksmanship instructor.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must receive instruction in and successfully meet the criteria established by the qualified marksmanship instructor in the following Core Course of Study: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Firearms Safety b. Smart and Safe Handling of Firearms c. Rifle parts and components d. Home Firearm Safety 	
Authorized Devices:	See the Training Officers Manual, Chapter 8, Marksmanship, for a list of authorized devices for this ribbon.	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	DRILL TEAM RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-25	# 3213
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who has participated as a member of the unit drill team.	
Criteria:	<p>The Drill Team member must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Served for a period of one year. 2. Participated in one public function. 3. Performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>Gold Ribbon Frame – National Award Gold Palm 9/16” – Division Award Silver Palm 9/16” – Regimental Award Bronze Palm 9/16” – Battalion Award For unit award only –Drill Team Ribbon Bar</p>	


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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	YOUNG MARINE ENCAMPMENT RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-26	# 3671
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Battalion Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who participates in a Battalion, Regimental, Division or National Encampment.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demonstrate maturity and conduct expected of Young Marines away from home and under the direct supervision of adult and Young Marine leaders. 2. Participate in 80 percent of the activities offered at the encampment. 	
Authorized Devices:	Gold Ribbon Frame for National Encampment Gold Palm 9/16" for Division Encampment Silver Palm 9/16" for Regimental Encampment Bronze Palm 9/16" for Battalion Encampment	
Streamers	Unit will earn a Young Marine Encampment streamer for National Award only to be placed with their unit colors, if the unit has 75 percent of its allowed attendance complete the encampment. A 1-inch white star is added to the streamer for subsequent awards. A 1-inch gold star is added to the streamer in lieu of 5 white stars.	

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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	ORGANIZED UNIT TRIP RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-27	# 3605
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine for participating in two unit activities involving an overnight stay.	
Criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young Marine must demonstrate maturity and conduct expected of Young Marines away from home and under the direct supervision of adult and Young Marine leaders. 2. The activity must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involve a minimum of two days and one night b. Be considered an overnight encampment, field trip, or other Young Marine activity that involves travel with the unit away from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) The home of any Young Marine or registered adult. ii) The normal drill site. iii) Local community. 3. Some recommended activities are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A trip aboard a military installation that is not the normal drill site or Naval vessel for training. b. Unit encampments. c. Field Trip to the state and/or nation's capitol, if it meets criteria 2. 4. Activity is not held in conjunction with a higher headquarters encampment or school. 5. Must have 80% of unit in attendance for the duration of the event. 	
Authorized Devices:	<p>A 3/16" Bronze star for subsequent awards. A 3/16" Silver star worn in lieu of 5 bronze stars.</p>	

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Award Type:	Qualification	
Name of Award:	BASIC RIBBON	
Order of Precedence:	IV-28	# 3302
Lowest Issuing Authority:	Unit Commander	
Eligibility Requirements:	Awarded to a Young Marine who successfully completed recruit training as prescribe in the Recruit Training SOP in the Training Officers Manual.	
Criteria:	<p>1. The Young Marine must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Graduate from Recruit Training in the time prescribed by the unit commander. b. Complete the Performance Objectives and Enabling Objectives as stated in the Promotion Policy to obtain the rank of Private. c. Perform and complete the Young Marine Physical Fitness. d. Meet the minimum required attendance of not more than 3 excused absences during Young Marine Recruit training. 	
Authorized Devices:	None.	