TRITON AWARD APPLICATION

Participant

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Mentor

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Award Level (circle one)

Patch Bronze Silver Gold Adult

Requirements

Category	**Participant initial**	**Mentor initial**	**Date**
1) Explore the underwater world	_____	_____	_____
2) Marine Ecology	_____	_____	_____
3) Role of Citizen Scientist	_____	_____	_____
4) Underwater Careers	_____	_____	_____
5) Take Action	_____	_____	_____
6) Demonstrate Knowledge	_____	_____	_____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Mentor Signature _____ Date _____

Fees:

Patch	$ 7.50
Bronze Medallion & Certificate	$35.50
Silver Medallion & Certificate	$35.50
Gold Medallion & Certificate	$35.50
Adult Medallion & Certificate	$45.50

Mail completed application and fee to:
The Triton Society
30 Larkwood Court Stafford, VA 22554

or

Email completed application and fee via
PayPal to: Award@TritonSociety.org

Email a summary of the Take Action conservation efforts and pictures to mengiles@tritonsociety.org for publication on the web page.

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	Date	Initial
Application received	_____	_____
Application processed	_____	_____
Award packaged mailed	_____	_____

PATCH Requirements

- Explore the underwater world
  - Participate in a Discover SCUBA or similar program.
- Marine Ecology
  - Discuss the ecology of a coral reef
- Role of Citizen Scientist
  - Discuss the characteristics of fish that are the keys to Fish Identification such as body shapes, markings, colorization, fin shapes, etc.
- Underwater Careers
  - Identify three careers that involve the Marine environment. Discuss the educational requirements for the identified careers and the typical work performed by the Marine professional.
  - Choose one of the identified careers and interview a professional within that field. Discuss projects that the professional participated in that benefited the marine environment.
- Take action
  - Participate in marine conservation. Document 6 hours of service on one or more marine conservation projects.
  - Project ideas may include such things as:
    - Conduct a REEF Fish Survey,
    - Conduct a PADI Project AWARE Coral Survey,
    - Participate in an International Ocean Clean-up Day activity,
    - Intern at a marine sanctuary where you participate in field projects,
    - Intern at a marine conservation organization where you participate in field projects,
    - Organize a fund raising event for a marine conservation organization,
    - Develop a presentation on some aspect of the marine environment and deliver your presentation to your Troop, Crew, or other interested organization,
    - Help with an event to introduce people to diving.
    - There are many other activities that would qualify as helping the cause of marine conservation. Discuss them with your Mentor. Project shall be documented on The Triton Society web page.

BRONZE MEDAL Requirements

Explore the underwater world

- Earn Open Water Scuba Diving Certification
- Earn First Aid/CPR Certification

Weather

- Earn Weather Merit Badge or complete the same requirements.

Role of Citizen Scientist

- Complete the REEF Fish Identification Course or equivalent.
- Identify a US marine sanctuary and write a 500 word report on the purpose, goals, objectives, efforts to protect the ecosystem, and uniqueness of the chosen sanctuary

Underwater Careers

- Identify three careers that involve the marine environment. Discuss the educational requirements for the identified careers and the typical work performed by the marine professional.
- Choose one of the identified careers and interview a professional within that field. Discuss projects that the professional participated in that benefited the marine environment.

Take action

- Participate in marine Ecology conservation. Document **25 hours of service** on one or more marine conservation projects.
- Project ideas are listed with the Patch Requirements
- There are many other activities that would qualify as helping the cause of marine conservation. Discuss them with your Mentor. Project shall be documented on The Triton Society web page.

Demonstrate Knowledge

- Make a presentation to your class or other organization on the Triton Award and how the work you accomplished in earning the award has benefited the marine environment.

SILVER MEDAL Requirements

Explore the underwater world

- Earn an Advanced Open Water Diver certification
- Earn an Underwater Naturalist Specialty

- Complete training dives in buoyancy control and night diving
- Complete two dives in a freshwater diving environment
- Complete two dives in a saltwater diving environment

Oceanography

- Earn Oceanography Merit Badge or complete the requirements of the merit badge.

Role of Citizen Scientist

- Prepare a 500 word report on invasive species, how the invasion occurs, impacts on the marine environment and how private citizens can assist.

Underwater Careers

- Identify five careers that involve the marine environment. Discuss the educational requirements for the identified careers and the typical work performed by the marine professional.
- Choose two of the identified careers and interview a professional within that field. Discuss projects that the professional participated in that benefited the marine environment. The interviews may be conducted in person or by telephone

Take action

- Participate in marine Ecology conservation. Document 50 hours of service on one or more marine conservation projects.
- Project ideas are listed with the Patch Requirements
- There are many other activities that would qualify as helping the cause of marine conservation. Discuss them with your Mentor. Project shall be documented on The Triton Society web page.

Demonstrate Knowledge

- Make a presentation to your class or other youth organization on the Triton Award and how the work you accomplished in earning the award has benefited the marine environment.

GOLD MEDAL Requirements

Explore the underwater world

- Earn the Master Scuba Diver certification
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Underwater Naturalist
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Fish Identification
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Coral Reef conservation
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Buoyancy Control
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Night Diving

Marine Ecology – Environmental Science

- Earn Environmental Science Merit Badge or complete the merit badge requirements.

Role of Citizen Scientist

- Prepare a 500 word report on the health of the world coral reefs. Include information on threats to coral health, threats to the marine life health, ocean dumping, and what citizens can do to protect the coral reefs.
- Prepare a 500 word report on the limnology of fresh water lakes, streams and rivers. Include information on threats to the health marine life and ecosystem, and what citizens can do to protect the fresh water lakes, streams, and rivers.

Underwater Careers

- Identify seven careers that involve the marine environment. Discuss the educational requirements for the identified careers and the typical work performed by the marine professional.
- Choose three of the identified careers and interview a professional within that field. Discuss projects that the professional participated in that benefited the marine environment. The interviews may be conducted in person or by telephone.

Take action

- Participate in marine Ecology conservation. Document 100 hours of service on one or more marine conservation projects.
- Project ideas are listed with the Patch Requirements
- There are many other activities that would qualify as helping the cause of marine conservation. Discuss them with your Mentor. Project shall be documented on The Triton Society web page.

Demonstrate Knowledge

Make a presentation to your class or other youth organization on the Triton Award and how the work you accomplished in earning the award has benefited the marine environment.

ADULT MEDAL Requirements

Explore the underwater world

- Earn the Master Scuba Diver certification
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Underwater Naturalist
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Fish Identification
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Coral Reef conservation
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Buoyancy Control
- Earn Specialty Diver rating in Night Diving

Mentoring

- Mentor 5 Youth to achieve the Bronze Medal, and
- Mentor 2 Youth to achieve the Silver Medal, and
- Mentor a Youth to achieve the Gold Medal.

Take action

- Participate in marine Ecology conservation. Document 100 hours of service on one or more marine conservation projects.
- Project ideas are listed with the Patch Requirements
- There are many other activities that would qualify as helping the cause of marine conservation. Discuss them with your Mentor. Project shall be documented on The Triton Society web page