

New requirements for Pathfinder of the Year

Currently in the Rocky Mountain Conference Pathfinder Program there are two major schools of thought about the Pathfinder of the Year award. One school of thought is that there should only be one Pathfinder of the Year for each boy/girl of each sub group (junior, teen, and TLT) per Pathfinder club. Any more Pathfinders of the year than that cheapens the award. The other school of thought is that the requirements for Pathfinder of the Year should be objective and set high. It is felt that any Pathfinder, on their own initiative, reaches and/or surpasses those requirements should be given the award. This could result in more than one boy/girl per club per sub group, but as this makes for better Pathfinders it is not seen as a problem. At Leadership 2006, it was voted to accept the second school of thought. Please read on to understand how a Pathfinder now qualifies for this award.

Pathfinder of the Year Statement

The Pathfinder of the Year award, presented by the Conference, is given to every young person who, on his or her own initiative and without prodding desires to receive the award. The requirements are not intended to be easy and are designed to present the Pathfinder who is exceptional in all aspects of life and desires in every way to be an outstanding individual.

Every Pathfinder should be encouraged to complete these requirements. They are all within their reach. This award should be highly desired and those receiving it must be deserving of it. It is the intent of this program to encourage excellence among our young people.

Pathfinder of the Year Requirements

1. Attendance Record Pathfinder must be present and on time for no less than 95% of club meetings and club activities this year.
2. Uniform & Insignia a. Pathfinder must have a complete, clean, neat, and pressed Class A uniform with all required insignia.
b. As applicable, the Pathfinder must have a field uniform.
c. Pathfinder must wear the required uniform to at least 95% of all club meetings and activities.
d. Must wear the correct uniform for all Conference events that are applicable.
3. Personal Appearance Pathfinder must be neat, clean, and well-groomed.
4. Conduct a. Pathfinder must be courteous, kind, obedient, and an example to others at home, in school, in church and at Pathfinder activities, reflecting positive Christian attitudes.
b. Pathfinder must have at least 95% good conduct for all club meetings, club activities, and conference events.
5. Spiritual Pathfinder must show reverence, evidence of personal devotions, and attend church regularly.*
6. Participation a. Be an active member for at least one year.
b. Attend all Conference functions that are applicable.
c. Be involved in church spiritual activities.*
7. Achievement a. Complete all basic class requirements for the present Pathfinder year.
b. Complete six AY honors within the current Pathfinder year, two of which must be earned on the Pathfinder's own initiative.
8. Evaluation Sheets Pathfinder of the Year evaluation sheets are to be filled out by the Pathfinder Staff, Pathfinder's parent, pastor, and teacher and turned in to the Conference by **March 10th**.

The Pathfinder of the Year award certificate will be awarded by the Conference at each club's investiture.

TEEN* For non-SDA Pathfinders involvement in his/her own church meets these requirements. For non-SDA, non-church Pathfinders involvement in the local club's spiritual activities meets these requirements.