



## **GGAC L.E.A.D. Degree Program Guidelines**

**The L.E.A.D. Degree Program provides an informal program of advancement in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun. The intent is for you to be able to track the progress of your supplemental training and to reward yourselves for your accomplishments. The incentive is not only for you to carry on with your training, but to inspire you to return each year and share the wealth of your experience with all of us, as you continue your own Scouting Trail.**

**You need not complete a degree to participate fully in the L.E.A.D., but if you are interested, here are some important guidelines:**

- 1. The L.E.A.D. Degree Program is open to all registered Scouts and Scouters, ages 14 and older, who have completed the basic training for their position. Valid Youth Protection Training certification for the appropriate program and age level is required for all degrees.**
- 2. Those who intend to pursue a degree must fill out their Degree Program Applications and submit them to the L.E.A.D. Registration Desk by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event, in order to receive their certificates and appropriate patches at the closing ceremony.**
- 3. Late applications will be processed as time and materials permit, but they may be lost if not submitted promptly.**
- 4. University transcripts are not maintained by the GGAC event volunteers. It is up to all students to track their own participation in L.E.A.D., and the event staff cannot promise to help recreate lost records should that distributed paperwork be misplaced.**
- 5. Each Degree builds on that which came before, so the Masters, for example, requires completion of the Bachelor degree in order to apply. GGAC L.E.A.D. staff makes no commitment to accept degrees from other councils as prerequisites to any degree in this program.**
- 6. Courses taken from the legacy SFBAC University of Scouting will count for courses completed.**
- 7. The only degrees open to youth under the age of 18 are Associate and Bachelor; the Doctorate is available only to Adult Scouters 21 and over.**
- 8. Finally, if this is not fun, then you are not doing it correctly: Stop doing this immediately, if it is not fun!**



# GGAC L.E.A.D. Degree Program Application



*Degree application must be received **NO LATER** than 1:00 p.m.  
to receive your certificate and corresponding patch during the closing ceremony.*

<b>Associates Degree in Scouting -- open to all registered Scouters age 14 and above</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valid Youth Protection certification</li> <li>2. Fast Start for your position, or equivalent for youth with Course Director's approval</li> <li>3. Complete six (6) L.E.A.D. courses since within the past three years</li> </ol>
<b>Bachelors Degree in Scouting -- open to all registered Scouters age 14 and above</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valid Youth Protection certification</li> <li>2. Fulfill the requirements for the Associate's Degree</li> <li>3. Earn the "TRAINED" patch for your current position/Scouting program</li> <li>4. Complete an additional six (6) L.E.A.D. courses, total of twelve (12), since fulfilling the requirements for the Associate's Degree               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Serving as an instructor may be substituted for one course credit with prior approval</li> <li>b. Youth may serve as instructors only with Course Director approval or with adult Scouter supervision</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Masters Degree in Scouting -- open to all registered Scouters age 18 and above</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valid Youth Protection Certification</li> <li>2. Fulfill the requirements for the Bachelor's Degree</li> <li>3. Complete an additional eight (8) L.E.A.D. courses, total of twenty (20), since fulfilling the requirements for the Bachelor's Degree               <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Any or all of the following may be substituted for one course credit each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Complete two additional "TRAINED" patches for other Scouting programs (Cubs, Boy Scouts, Varsity or Venturers) <b>or</b> for one program and one service area (District or Council committee or Commissioners)</li> <li>b. Attend Wood Badge Training</li> <li>c. Teach one more course than required for this degree (see below)</li> <li>d. Earn an Adult Training Award Knot or Service Key for a registered position</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Serve as an instructor for at least one L.E.A.D. course               <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Note: Teaching one course is required, but Instruction in an additional course may be substituted for one of the required course credits, above.</p> </li> </ol>
<b>Doctorate Degree in Scouting -- open only to Adult Scouters age 21 and above</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valid Youth Protection Certificate</li> <li>2. Fulfill the requirements for the Master's Degree</li> <li>3. Complete an additional ten (10) L.E.A.D. courses, total of thirty (30), since fulfilling the requirements for the Master's Degree               <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Any or all of the following may be substituted for one course credit each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Earning the Wood Badge Beads</li> <li>b. Earning two additional Adult Training Award Knots <b>or</b> one additional Training Knot and one Service Award Key</li> <li>c. Each additional course taught as part of the regular curriculum (maximum of 2, see below)</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Develop and lead an approved new course for the L.E.A.D.</li> <li>5. Serve on the L.E.A.D. staff (other than as instructor) for one year               <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Note: Creating one new course is required, but Instruction in additional courses may be substituted for up to two of the required course credits, above.</p> </li> </ol>

On my honor, I certify that I have read and understood the Degree requirements above; and at the close of this year's L.E.A.D., I will have qualified for the indicated degree.

**Name (Print as desired on certificate)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**L.E.A.D. (or District Training Chair) Approval** \_\_\_\_\_