INTRODUCTION:

The idea of the El Hassan Youth Award scheme (H.Y.A) was derived from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme established in 1956 in UK. It spread to several countries in the world under many different titles. The El Hassan Youth Award scheme started in Jordan in 1984 as a pilot scheme in the Amman Baccalaureate School. The (H.Y.A) provides a big opportunity for Jordanian Youth between the ages 1425- years to enroll in self - challenging, educational and non - academic programs in services, skills, adventurous journeys and physical recreation to achieve a balanced personality development for Jordanian youth.

The success of the scheme depends on the participant's enthusiasm and their understanding of the importance of its programs which initiates challenge in order to achieve maximum personal development Furthermore, supervisors, assessors, instructors and coordinators who work on a voluntary basis constitute an important element in the success of the scheme.

Through proper organization and management they gear the participant's experiences towards achieving a real sense of affiliation to their country and consequently developing better understanding and cooperation with other age groups.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHEME:

The most important strategy adopted by the scheme lies in presenting opportunity and challenge for the participant in order to achieve the maximum for themselves and their society, based on participation rather than competition.

The philosophy of the scheme incorporates the basic set of human values long songht by every society. The most important of which constitute the values of freedom, justice, cooperation, participation, love,affiliation to the country and the sense of social responsibility, better use of leisure time, better productivity etc; the values related to personal and social development progress.

The following ten points summarize the philosophy of the scheme:

1-Non- competitive.
2-Available to all.
3-Voluntary.
4-Flexible.
5- Developing, progressive and sustainable.
6-Enjoyable.
7-Its axis is working with the Award rather than winning it.
8-Balanced programs.
9-Marathon, Not a race.
10- Concentrates on Achievement.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1- To encourage participation rather than competition, and to measure the participant's progress in relation to personal capabilities rather than previously set standards of achievement.
2- To provide opportunities for freedom of choice of activities.
3- To provide opportunities for the handicapped to participate.
4- To bridge the generation gap by encouraging adults to participate in the overall supervision of the programs.
5- To promote the values of participation, cooperation, team spirit and social responsibility.
6- To reinforce the values of progress, affiliation, and active citizenship.
7- To widen the scope and the horizon of the youth to enrich their life experiences, both on the personal as well as on the national and global levels.
8- To develop the youth skills, abilities, and capacities in relation to fulfilling personal as well as national needs and aspirations.
9- To develop their personalities stressing the following aspects:
- Self reliance and self control.
- Perseverance and determination.
- Initiative on Originality (creativity).
- Social responsibility and dedication.
- Value oriental decision making.
- The spirit of adventure.
- Fitness of the body and mind.
- Life skills, professional skills, cultural skills, and family related skills.

THE SCHEME:

- The scheme is not an organization. It is a program of practical, cultural, professional and adventurous activities designed to be used by all agencies having a concern for the development of young people.
- The scheme and its programs are flexible enough to meet youthful enthusiasm and aptitude what ever their background or culture, however plentiful or limited their resources are.
- There are three separate award levels:

Bronze, Silver and Gold.

- For each award level, there are specific requirements.

Participation in the scheme is voluntary, and people within the age group can

- participate singly or as a group.
- Completion of the requirements of each level allows the participant to advance to the next level.
- Meeting the minimum standards of achievement of each level qualifies the participant for the award in the form of a badge and certificate presented by

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GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1- The age range of participants is 14 -25 years.
2- Youth above the age of twenty three and ahalf are not eligible to participate in the Gold Award.
3- Participation is available for all youth within the age range in Jordan without any discrimination whatsoever.
4- The minimum age for new participants joining the scheme for the first time is as follows:
- 14 years for the Bronze Level.
- 15 years for the Silver Level.
- 16 years for the Gold Level.

5-To achieve any award, the person must meet the requirements of four programs:

Services: Adventurous journeys, skills and physical recreation.

6- Candidates working for the Gold Award must undergo an additional activity called the Residential Project.
7- The minimum time periods for completing the three Award requirements are:

Bronze: 3 months for services, 3 months for skills, 3 months for physical recreation, and one practice and actual adventurous journey in addition to 3 months services or skills or physical recreation according to the participant's desire.

Silver: 6 months for services, 6 months for skills, 6 months for physical recreation, and a practice and actual adventurous journey in addition to 6 months services or skills or physical recreation according to the participant's desire.

Gold:12 months for services,12 months for skills, 12 months for physical recreation, and a practice and actual adventurous journey in addition to 6 months services or skills or physical recreation according to the participant's desire.

8- The minimum time period for completing the Award's four programs at the three levels of the Award and the Outdoor Residential Program for the Gold level as follows:

Bronze : 6 months.
Silver : 12 months.
Gold : 18 months.

9- The minimum age for graduating from each level of the Award is:

Bronze :14.5 years for all participants.

Silver : 15.5 years for Bronze Award Holders - (16 years for direct entrants).

Gold :17 years for Silver Award Holders - (17.5 years for direct entrants).

10- The starting point for entry into the scheme is to be marked in the record book showing activities chosen and completed. This record book must be filled and signed by authorized supervisors upon completion of these activities.

ASSESSMENT

1- Every participant who has finished the requirement of each level of the scheme must achieve through the practical experience of (H.Y.A) Programs the following:

- Self control.
- The importance of giving.
- To know the strong and weak points in his/her own personality.
- To discover the joy of working with others.
- Self reliance and asense of responsibility.
- Self and social development.

2- In the Bronze level, the instructors are authorized to assess the participants after completing each activity.

3- In the Silver and Gold level, the instructors are authorized to assess the participants after competing their activities, they must also receive a final assessment from a specialized staff who are authorized by the (H.Y.A) office.

4- In all levels, the Award will be given to the participants after completing all the requirements and assessed by the (H.Y.A) office, but in the Gold level, the participants must be finally assessed by an authorized committee at the Kingdom level.

Progress Indicator at the completion of the Award's Program's requirements, mark with ✓

Activity Type	Bronze	#of Months	Silver	#of Months	Gold	#of Months
Services	✓	3				
Skills	✓	3				
Physical Recreation	✓	6				
Adventurous journey	✓					
Residential Project						
Awards Gained	✓	6				
Name	Hunaida Sweis					
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