

## Sign-up today

Saltire Awards can help make volunteering work for you!

To sign up for Saltire Awards you can register on the Saltire Awards website:  
[www.saltireawards.org.uk](http://www.saltireawards.org.uk)

If you are an organisation that involves or supports young people and volunteers you can register your volunteers and volunteering opportunities too.

Or contact your local centre: [www.saltireawards.org.uk/contact-us.php](http://www.saltireawards.org.uk/contact-us.php)

# Saltire Awards

volunteering for 12 to 25 year olds



**Celebrating, recognising and rewarding the volunteering achievements of young people in Scotland**

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The Saltire Awards is a national initiative for young people aged 12 to 25. It celebrates, recognises and rewards the commitment and contribution of young volunteers in Scotland.

There are four sections to the Awards designed to help you celebrate your volunteering journey:



**THE CHALLENGE:** This is a great way to start. Volunteer in a one-off team event to get a taste of volunteering, see if it's for you and make a real difference to your community. Start a team with friends or classmates or join one that's already organised in your local area. Build your team-work skills, have a really fun time and you'll get a certificate after taking part.



**THE APPROACH:** Ready to give volunteering a go? The Approach gives you the recognition for the regular volunteering you undertake whether it be in the community, with a charity, at school or part of a youth group. You choose the project and fit it around your needs. You'll discover more about your skills and strengths and receive certificates after 10 and 25 hours of volunteering.



**THE ASCENT:** Taking volunteering to the next level. Develop your skills and strengths through placements and make a longer commitment to volunteering. You can record your achievements, training, new skills and certificates in your personal online journal, keeping them handy for any university, college or work applications. You can get certificates of 50, 100, 200 and 500 hours.



**THE SUMMIT:** Volunteering above and beyond expectations! This Award is for an outstanding contribution to volunteering. It is awarded to those who have completed at least 200hrs and have exceeded expectations. A volunteer is nominated for this level of Award (e.g. by the organisation they volunteer for, their school, college or local volunteer development worker).

Saltire Awards are supported and endorsed by the Scottish Government.

## Why Saltire?

The Saltire Awards recognise YOU and your volunteering.

Help and support will be on hand every step along the way and the easy to use website allows you to record and track your activities, hours and achievements.

You can progress through the sections in turn or enter and exit at any stage.

Saltire certificates are awarded for the amount of volunteering you do. These are endorsed by the Scottish Government and signed by a Scottish Government Minister.

You get **Young Scot Reward Points** with the certificates you achieve – these entitle you to some fantastic prizes.

Capturing your volunteering experiences and journey on the Saltire website is a great way to keep a record for your CV, so you don't need to worry about forgetting anything you've done and achieved.

The Awards fit neatly with the national Curriculum for Excellence helping you to become a successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and effective contributor.



## Become a Saltire Ambassador

If you achieve The Ascent you could become a Saltire Ambassador. Ambassadors have the opportunity to further develop their skills through being involved in all aspects of the Saltire Awards; from promotional and publicity activities through to helping to make decisions about Summit Award nominations and taking part in local advisory groups

Whatever your reasons for volunteering there is a Saltire Award for you.

