

American Heritage Girls

Faith Awards Program

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INTRODUCTION to AHG Faith Awards Program

Faith is foundational to the Mission of American Heritage Girls. Christ is the focus and the reason for everything AHG does. In the AHG Oath, girls promise to love God. In the AHG Creed, girls commit to being reverent. AHG hopes that girls will experience God in all parts of AHG—friends, service, badges, and more! Faith Awards are one of the main avenues in which to integrate faith into the AHG Program. AHG encourages all girls to participate in the Faith Awards Program. One year of Faith Award programming is required for Tenderhearts, Explorers and Pioneers as they complete Level Awards. Patriots have to complete segments one and two.

The AHG Program is rooted in Christ. Through the Faith Emphasis, AHG hopes that girls will grow in their faith and become lifelong Christ-followers. Girls will understand their identity in Christ, learn to submit to Christ, and seek God's will for their lives.

Troops with multiple denominations should assist girls in selecting the correct Faith Award for the girls, honoring the family's decision of the faith that is taught at home. Girls or adults might disagree about secondary issues, but we all have the AHG Statement of Faith in common and it is important to focus on what we can agree. If discussions do arise between girls, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn to respect different viewpoints. Leaders are also expected to model respect and compassion to their girls in these difficult conversations.

TWO FAITH AWARD TRACKS

There are two different types of Faith Awards: The Catholic Faith Awards and the Build Your Faith Awards (B.Y. Faith Awards). The two tracks were created to fit all American Heritage Girls. The Catholic Faith Awards honor the AHG Creed, Oath, and Mission connecting what girls are learning in AHG with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. B.Y. Faith Awards allow girls and adults to choose from different options that will accelerate girls in learning to live by faith. The B.Y. Faith Awards offer Troops the opportunity to tailor the program as much as they and their Charter Organization deem necessary. Both Faith Award tracks give girls the opportunity to grow deeper in their faith and relationship with Christ.



AHG Faith Award Program Training is available in the AHGequip training app. This training is for any Adult Member who wants to learn more about AHG's Faith Award Program, but is especially recommended for Troop Shepherds or anyone working directly with girls who are pursuing their Faith Awards. The training includes an overview of all Faith Awards as well as the Catholic Mentor Training.

Download the AHGequip training app here:

<http://bit.ly/AHGequipdownload>

INTRODUCTION

The AHG Catholic Faith Awards were created for Catholic American Heritage Girls to learn more about their faith and develop a stronger relationship with Christ in a fun and hands-on manner. The Catholic Faith Awards were developed for each of the AHG Program Levels. In each Program Level girls will gain a greater understanding of the AHG Oath, Mission, and Creed.

The AHG National Catholic Committee (AHG NCC) developed the Catholic Faith Awards Program to be worked on each year for a better comprehension of the fullness of the faith. Each Award is divided into Segments: one Segment for each year of the Program Level.

OVERVIEW BY PROGRAM LEVEL

TENDERHEART — Deus et Familia Mea (God and My Family)

Deus et Familia Mea guides Catholic Tenderhearts through an awareness of who they are as children of God in the family of the Catholic Church. Girls will learn about the Holy Mass, sacraments, traditions and history of the Catholic Church with fun, hands-on activities. Tenderhearts are encouraged to explore and perform works of charity for their families and neighbors.

EXPLORER — Deus et Patria Mea (God and My Country)

Deus et Patria Mea allows Catholic Explorers to learn about various saints representing the United States of America. Explorers enrich their faith by exploring Catholic elements that are most important to those saints, including the Eucharist, Corporal Works of Mercy, and missionary work. Deus et Patria Mea is thought-provoking, hands-on, and will foster a desire in Explorers to serve Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church.

PIONEER — Deus et Civita Mea (God and My Community)

Deus et Civitas Mea guides Catholic Pioneers to examine service in their community through Sacred Scripture and Catholic Church Tradition. Girls learn the importance of preparing to serve through prayer and learning about people who exemplified service in their lives. Pioneers put what they have learned into practice by serving others and by reflecting on the impact of their service.

PATRIOT — Femina Integritatis (Woman of Integrity)

Femina Integritatis encourages Catholic Patriots to internalize and immerse themselves in what it means to be a Catholic Woman of Integrity. Prayer and discussion are essential elements of this study with opportunities for outings and engaging speakers. Through study of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Our Blessed Mother, the lives of the saints, and the sacraments, Patriots discern God's call for their lives after high school.

INSIGNIA



A girl will earn a patch for each Segment she completes. In the final year of a Program Level, a girl who has completed all Segments in that Program Level may earn a medal. One exception is the Patriot book, Femina Integritatis (Women of Integrity). Patriots will earn a patch for each Segment completed. The Moral Compass medal will be earned for completing Segments One and Two. The Quiver of Arrows medal will be earned for completing Segments Three and Four.



Segment patches may be worn on the back of a girl's vest or sash. Medals can be worn on the front of her vest or sash. Tenderhearts and Explorers wear the medals under the Troop numbers on their vest. Pioneers and Patriots wear the medals under the AHG Flag Patch on their sash.



ORDERING AND PURCHASING

The Catholic Faith Award Books are available for anyone to purchase on the AHGstore. Archdiocesan or diocesan Authorized Purchasers may order medals and patches. AHG Leaders may also order patches. The diocesan Authorized Purchaser can be found by contacting your Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting or Youth Ministry Office. If you cannot identify your diocesan Authorized Purchaser in your diocese, please contact the AHG National Catholic Committee (catholiccommittee@ahgonline.org) for assistance.

B.Y. Faith Awards Overview

The Build Your Faith Award Program (B.Y. Faith Award Program) was created to provide girls with a dynamic, exciting curriculum that helps them understand their identity in Christ and ignites a passion to pursue His will in their lives. The name B.Y. Faith comes from Hebrews 11, which shows several examples of people throughout God's family who have taken steps in faith. By faith Abel brought, Noah built, Abraham obeyed, Isaac blessed, Joseph spoke, and so much more. God works through His people by guiding them to do things "by faith" rather than their own understanding. B.Y. is also an acronym for "Build Your". Before the girls in a Troop can do anything "by faith", they need to develop a love for and trust in God in their own hearts. Build her faith through AHG's Faith Awards Program.

The B.Y. Faith Award program is made up of several different options, created in collaboration with many of AHG's Program Alliances and volunteers to allow girls, Units, and Troops great choices at each Program Level.

This program was built to be:

- **Used by multiple denominations** — Girls of most Christian denominations can participate and grow in their relationship and understanding of Christ by earning these awards.
- **Customizable** — Parents and Unit Leaders know their girls best. They know where girls need the most growth. Unit Leaders, with the guidance of their Troop Shepherd, should choose what will work best for their Unit from the approved list on the following pages.
- **Adaptable** — These options are adaptable and can be utilized in many different AHG settings.

CHOOSING A STUDY

AHG has compiled a diverse list of approved studies. When choosing a study, Troops have three options:

- **Troop:** Some of the approved studies are available to girls at every Program Level. Troops may decide to have all girls participate in the same study at their different Program Levels. Troops designate one person, often the Troop Shepherd, to lead the implementation. This role would include: helping girls choose the study, acquiring the program materials, and equipping Unit Leaders to work with their Unit.

- **Unit:** Troops may also decide to allow each individual Unit to choose a different study. In this case, Unit Leaders along with girls may choose from one of the options available for their Unit.
- **Individual:** Although it is recommended that Faith Awards be completed together with their Unit, girls may complete these awards on their own with a trusted adult mentor, maintaining two-deep leadership.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Troops are encouraged to choose an implementation strategy that best fits their Troop schedule and girls' needs.

Option	Description
Troop or Unit Retreat*	The Unit or Troop takes a retreat weekend to work on Faith Awards.
Unit Time*	Work on Faith Awards during regular Unit time.
Camp Workshop*	Incorporate into a week-long camp with an hour long workshop each day where girls will complete their Faith Award.
Faith Meeting	Pick a time, separate from your regular Troop meeting time where girls can come together with their Unit to complete their Faith Awards.
Individual	Girls may work on their Faith Award individually outside of Troop time with a respected mentor, maintaining two-deep leadership.

**Troops may come across some difficult conversations among the girls through Faith Awards. This is a wonderful opportunity for girls to learn to respect different viewpoints.*

TYPE OF STUDY

Each study option has labels naming the type of study. The three types are Foundations, Topical, and In-depth. Foundations studies are for girls learning about the building blocks of their faith. Foundations are fundamental to the faith of every Christian and may include topics such as the Gospel, prayer, how to read your Bible, who God is, etc. Topical studies are for girls who are familiar with the basics and want to dive deeper into a particular topic. In-depth studies are for girls who are more mature in their faith and want to dig into their relationship with the Lord.

INSIGNIA

When a girl completes one of the study options at her Program Level, she will earn her Faith Award Pin. Each Program Level has a pin that can be worn on the front of her vest or sash. Tenderhearts and Explorers wear their pins under their Troop numbers on their vest. Pioneers and Patriots wear their pins under the AHG Flag Patch on their sash. These pins can be transferred to each new uniform, stacked one on top of the other. These pins can be purchased on the AHGstore by the Troop or Unit Leaders.

A number of studies also allow girls to earn a patch. These patches are placed on the back of a girl's vest or sash and would not move to the next uniform. Patches are optional and some programs may not have corresponding patches.





TENDERHEART OPTIONS

When a Tenderheart completes one of the following study options, she has earned her Faith Award.

- purchase on AHGstore
- purchase on alliance website
- printable on AHG's online resource library

Study Option	Focus	Supplies and Cost <i>(Prices are subject to change*)</i>	Type of Study
R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study	AHG Creed words, values, learning to study the Bible, living what you read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Book: \$10.00 • Adult Guide: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • REAL Life Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Foundations Topical In-depth
Heart of Womanhood 1 Frame (book)	Foundations of Christian womanhood, girl and mentor relationships, identity, Christian values, Proverbs 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$12.99 per book • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Heart of Womanhood Patch: \$3.00 per girl (optional) • Rocker: \$0.75 per Frame 	Topical
Bible Belles Patch Program	Stories of women from the Bible, Biblical lessons, values, identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Books: \$15 each • 2 Study Guides: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Bible Belles Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical
Girls in Prayer Patch Program	Learning to pray, studying the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls in Prayer Curriculum: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Girls in Prayer Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical In-depth
Operation Christmas Child: The Greatest Journey	Walks through the basics of the faith, introduces the Gospel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greatest Journey Curriculum: \$6.00 per girl, \$3.00 per adult guide • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl 	Foundations
P.R.A.Y.'s God and Me Award Program	Becoming best friends with Jesus, making a GAMEBox, learning to pray using P-A-T-H, family projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$4.50 per girl • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Patch, Pin, or Medal: \$5.00-\$12.50 per girl 	Foundations In-Depth
GoodServant.org's Loving Servant Award (MCCS)	Christian Servant Leadership study focused on Serving God, Serving Others and Growing Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: Free Download • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Loving Servant Patch or Medal: \$7-\$10 per girl 	Foundations In-depth

**Choices are subject to change annually.*



EXPLORER OPTIONS

When an Explorer completes one of the following study options, she has earned her Faith Award.

- purchase on AHGstore
- purchase on alliance website
- printable on AHG's online resource library

Study Option	Focus	Supplies and Cost <i>(Prices are subject to change*)</i>	Type of Study
R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study	AHG Creed words, values, learning to study the Bible, living what you read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Book: \$10.00 • Adult Guide: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • REAL Life Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Foundations Topical In-depth
Heart of Womanhood 1 Frame (book)	Foundations of Christian womanhood, girl and mentor relationships, identity, Christian values, Proverbs 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$12.99 per book • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Heart of Womanhood Patch: \$3.00 per girl (optional) • Rocker: \$0.75 per Frame 	Topical
Bible Belles Patch Program	Stories of women from the Bible, Biblical lessons, values, identity, great for younger Explorers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Books: \$15 each • 2 Study Guides: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Bible Belles Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical
Girls in Prayer Patch Program	Learning to pray, studying the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls in Prayer Curriculum: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Girls in Prayer Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical In-depth
Shock & Awe Study Guide	Christian worldview, authentic discussion, video clips, great for older Explorers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$6.95 • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Shock & Awe Patch: \$3.00 	Foundations
Back2Back Patch Program	Missions, caring for orphans, service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back2Back Curriculum: Free • Book: \$3.50 (per girl) • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Back2Back Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical
Operation Christmas Child: The Greatest Journey	Walks through the basics of the faith, introduces the Gospel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greatest Journey Curriculum: \$6.00 per girl, \$3.00 per adult guide • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl 	Foundations
P.R.A.Y.'s God and Family Award Program	Making a family pizza, understanding God's plan for growing strong families, family projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$4.50 per girl • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Patch, Pin, or Medal: \$5.00-\$12.50 per girl 	Foundations In-Depth
GoodServant.org's Joyful Servant Award (MCCS)	Christian Servant Leadership study focused on Serving God, Serving Others and Growing Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: Free Download • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Joyful Servant Patch or Medal: \$7-15.00 	Foundations In-depth

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PIONEER OPTIONS

When a Pioneer completes one of the following study options, she has earned her Faith Award.

- purchase on AHGstore
- purchase on alliance website
- printable on AHG's online resource library

Study Option	Focus	Supplies and Cost <i>(Prices are subject to change*)</i>	Type of Study
R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study	AHG Creed words, values, learning to study the Bible, living what you read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Book: \$10.00 • Adult Guide: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • REAL Life Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Foundations Topical In-depth
Heart of Womanhood 1 Frame (book)	Foundations of Christian womanhood, girl and mentor relationships, identity, Christian values, Proverbs 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$12.99 per book • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Heart of Womanhood Patch: \$3.00 per girl (optional) • Rocker: \$0.75 per Frame 	Topical
Girls in Prayer Patch Program	Learning to pray, studying the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls in Prayer Curriculum: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Girls in Prayer Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical In-depth
Shock & Awe Study Guide	Christian worldview, authentic discussion, video clips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$7.99 • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Shock & Awe Patch: \$3.00 	Foundations
Back2Back Patch Program	Missions, caring for orphans, service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back2Back Curriculum: Free • Book: \$3.50 (per girl) • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Back2Back Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical
P.R.A.Y.'s God and Church Award Program	Jesus as the head of the church, learning about your congregation and denomination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$4.50 per girl • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Patch, Pin, or Medal: \$5.00-\$12.50 per girl 	Foundations In-Depth
GoodServant.org's Good Servant Award (MCCS)	Christian Servant Leadership study of the Gospel of Mark focused on Serving God, Serving Others and Growing Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: Free Download • Mentor Guide: Free Download • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Good Servant Patch or Medal: \$7-15.00 	Foundations In-depth

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PATRIOT OPTIONS

When a Patriot completes one of the following study options, she has earned her Faith Award.

- purchase on AHGstore
- purchase on alliance website
- printable on AHG's online resource library

Study Option	Focus	Supplies and Cost <i>(Prices are subject to change*)</i>	Type of Study
Live it Out: A Beautiful Tale of Integrity and Faith	Discovering God's story and calling for your life, Biblical worldview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$7.00 per girl and \$7.00 per adult • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl 	In-depth
R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study	AHG Creed words, values, learning to study the Bible, living what you read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Book: \$10.00 • Adult Guide: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • REAL Life Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Foundations Topical In-depth
Heart of Womanhood 2 Frames (books)	Foundations of Christian womanhood, girl and mentor relationships, identity, Christian values, Proverbs 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$12.99 per book • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Heart of Womanhood Patch: \$3.00 per girl (optional) • Rocker: \$0.75 per Frame 	Topical
Girls in Prayer Patch Program	Learning to pray, studying the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls in Prayer Curriculum: Free • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Girls in Prayer Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical In-depth
Back2Back Patch Program	Missions, caring for orphans, service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back2Back Curriculum: Free • Book: \$3.50 (per girl) • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Back2Back Patch: \$3.00 per girl 	Topical
P.R.A.Y.'s God and Life Award Program	Committing to a life of discipleship and service, studying the life of the Apostle Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: \$4.50 per girl • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Patch, Pin, or Medal: \$5.00-\$12.50 per girl 	Foundations In-Depth
GoodServant.org's Giving Servant Award (MCCS)	Christian Servant Leadership Curriculum focused on Serving God, Serving Others and Growing Yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booklet: Free Download • Faith Award Pin: \$7.00 per girl • Giving Servant Patch or Medal: \$7-15.00 	Foundations In-depth

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GUIDING GIRLS THROUGH B.Y. FAITH AWARDS

Below are three examples of how an American Heritage Girl could progress through these awards by Program Level.

	SAMPLE 1	SAMPLE 2	SAMPLE 3
Tenderheart	Heart of Womanhood	Bible Belles	R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study
Explorer	Shock & Awe	Bible Belles	R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study
Pioneer	R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study	Shock & Awe	R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study
Patriot	Live it Out: A Beautiful Tale of Integrity and Faith	Back 2 Back Patch Program	R.E.A.L. Life Creed Study



F.A.Q. Frequently Asked Questions:

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Are girls required to earn AHG Faith Awards?

AHG strongly encourages all Girl Members to pursue Faith Awards. These programs serve as a great tool for learning more about the Lord, and growing closer to Him. Faith components are woven throughout the AHG Program but the Faith Awards allow for in-depth studies, community time, and spiritual growth. AHG Faith Awards are progressive in nature, allowing girls to build on their faith over time as they progress through AHG. One year of Faith Award programming is required for Tenderhearts, Explorers and Pioneers as they complete Level Awards. Patriots earning the Catholic Faith Award are required to complete Segments 1 and 2. Patriots earning the B.Y. Faith Award are to complete one year of Faith Award programming.

Can Pathfinders earn Faith Awards?

The Pathfinder Program was built as an introduction to the full AHG Program. There are many faith elements woven throughout the Pathfinder Program. Pathfinders do not earn Faith Awards.

How can Faith Awards be included if our Troop has girls in multiple denominations?

There are several options for Troops with girls of multiple denominations. It is important to be flexible and always include parents when making decisions that will impact a girl's faith life. A few options for Troops with multiple denominations include:

- Troops with multiple denominations may come across some difficult conversations among the girls through Faith Awards. This is a wonderful opportunity for girls to learn to respect different viewpoints.
- Girls may complete Faith Awards individually with the guidance of a parent and mentor
- Girls can gather in groups based on denomination
- Girls from multiple Troops can gather based on denomination

Is a girl allowed to participate in a Faith Award Program that does not fit with her church's denomination?

Prior to the girl working on her Faith Award, her parents or guardians, pastor, and the Charter Organization should each verbally agree to allow the girl to participate.



Is a girl who is practicing a religious tradition outside of the Christian faith allowed to participate in the Faith Award Program?

Prior to the girl working on her Faith Award, her parents or guardians, the leader of her place of worship, and the Charter Organization should agree to allow the girl to participate.

Is a girl who is not practicing any religious tradition allowed to participate in the Faith Award Program?

Prior to the girl working on her Faith Award, her parent or guardians, and the Charter Organization should agree to allow the girl to participate.

Can a girl earn multiple Faith Awards at her Program Level?

Throughout their time in AHG; girls should experience the full range of programming. Faith is built into many aspects of the AHG Program and is not just confined to the Faith Awards Program. It is not encouraged for girls to attempt to earn multiple Faith Awards within one Program Level.

What happens if a girl joins AHG later in her Program Level or partway through the year and misses the opportunity to complete her Faith Award with her Unit?

Every girl should be offered the opportunity to complete her Faith Award as it is required in earning her Level Award. If a girl misses the opportunity, her parents or guardians should be informed about what is available. Girls are allowed to work on many aspects of the program individually, and can participate at their own pace if they desire. Each girl has a unique AHG journey and is permitted to opt out of Faith Awards.

How should parents be involved in the Faith Award Program?

No matter what level of involvement a parent has in the Troop, parents should be informed of what their girls are learning, especially with matters of faith. Be sure to communicate clearly and regularly with the parents what their daughter will be learning. A partnership of learning will serve as intentional reinforcement of the principles included in the Faith Awards.

CATHOLIC FAITH AWARDS (CFA):

Do girls need a specific person to work on the CFAs?

For Tenderhearts and Explorers, the girls should work with their parents. Pioneers and Patriots should work with a mentor who has taken the AHG Faith Award Program Training available in the AHGequip training app.

If a girl joins AHG in the second or third year of a Program Level where should she start?

Girls should start in their corresponding Program Level and CFA segment. For example, if a girl is in 5th grade, she may complete the Deus et Patria Mea/God and My Country Segment Two. She may also complete Segment One, but she cannot jump ahead to Segment Three until she advances to a third year Explorer.

Can a girl work on segments outside of her Program Level (i.e. can an Explorer go back and work on a Tenderheart Faith Award)?

No, a girl should only work on segments within her Program Level. She should not move ahead or work on previous Program Level's segments.

How do Catholic girls satisfy the Faith Award requirement for each Level Award?

Tenderhearts, Explorers, and Pioneers are each required to complete Segment One of their Level's Faith Award. Patriots are required to complete Segment One and Two in order to earn their Level Award.

If a girl has already started working toward her NFCYM medal during this Program Level should she finish NFCYM or start the AHG Catholic Faith Awards?

While the Catholic Faith Awards are the preferred program, any girl who has begun an NFCYM award is permitted to complete the work she has started. If she would like to switch to the AHG Catholic Faith Award she may do so.

Will girls be allowed to work on NFCYM awards?

The Catholic Faith Awards were created specifically for AHG and are recommended and endorsed by AHG. If your diocese has not approved the AHG Catholic Faith Awards, girls may continue to use NFCYM.



Which awards should we integrate into our planning for the next Program Year?

All Catholic American Heritage Girls are encouraged to work towards their Catholic Faith Award. If a girl has partially completed the NFCYM Award, she may complete that award.

If a girl has already earned her NFCYM award during her current Program Level, could she still work on the Catholic Faith Awards for the remainder of her Program Level?

Yes, absolutely! Any girl may work on a Catholic Faith Award even if she already has earned an NFCYM award.

If a girl has already earned her Spirit Alive, or Marian Medals as a first year Patriot can she count this towards the Abigail Adams Level Award requirement?

Yes, if a girl has earned Spirit Alive or the Marian Medal as a Patriot before the release of the Catholic Faith Award Program, she may count it towards the Level Award.

What should I do if my diocese wants more information about the Faith Awards?

Contact the AHG National Catholic Committee at catholiccommittee@ahgonline.org.

Where do I go if I have additional questions?

If you have reviewed all materials on AHG's online resource library and have more questions please contact the AHG National Catholic Committee at catholiccommittee@ahgonline.org.

B.Y. FAITH AWARDS:

Does a girl need both the B.Y. Faith Award Pin and the patch?

No. The B.Y. Faith Award Pins are the required insignia for B.Y. Faith Awards. While some studies offer a patch, this patch is optional. Unit Leaders may choose to only purchase the pin for the girls and not the patch.

Is a girl required to complete B.Y. Faith Awards with Unit Leaders?

No. A girl may work on her B.Y. Faith Awards at home or with her church. She will need to share her work and her experience with her Unit Leader or Troop Shepherd in order to verify she has completed the requirements.

Does a girl have to continue with the same program in subsequent Program Levels?

No, a girl may choose to pursue her B.Y. Faith Award by using the same program each Program Level, or she may choose different programs at each Program Level.

Why do the pins move to the next Program Level but the patches do not?

The B.Y. Faith Award Pins are the primary insignia for the B.Y. Faith Award Program. Through earning her B.Y. Faith Award, a girl may complete a patch at her Program Level. The patch represents how the girl earned her Faith Award and is optional. The pins are meant to be moved to the next Program Level to show the progression of the program and encourages girls to build on what they've learned.

Who is allowed to order insignia?

The Troop orders a girl's B.Y. Faith Award insignia.

Where do I go if I have additional questions?

If you have reviewed all materials on AHG's online resource library and have more questions, please contact your Hometown Mentor or Troop Coach.



