

STRENGTHENING YOUTH

Overview

- *For the Strength of Youth*
- *Aaronic Priesthood: Fulfilling our Duty to God*
- *Young Women Personal Progress*
- *Guidebook for Parents and Leaders of Youth*

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Purpose

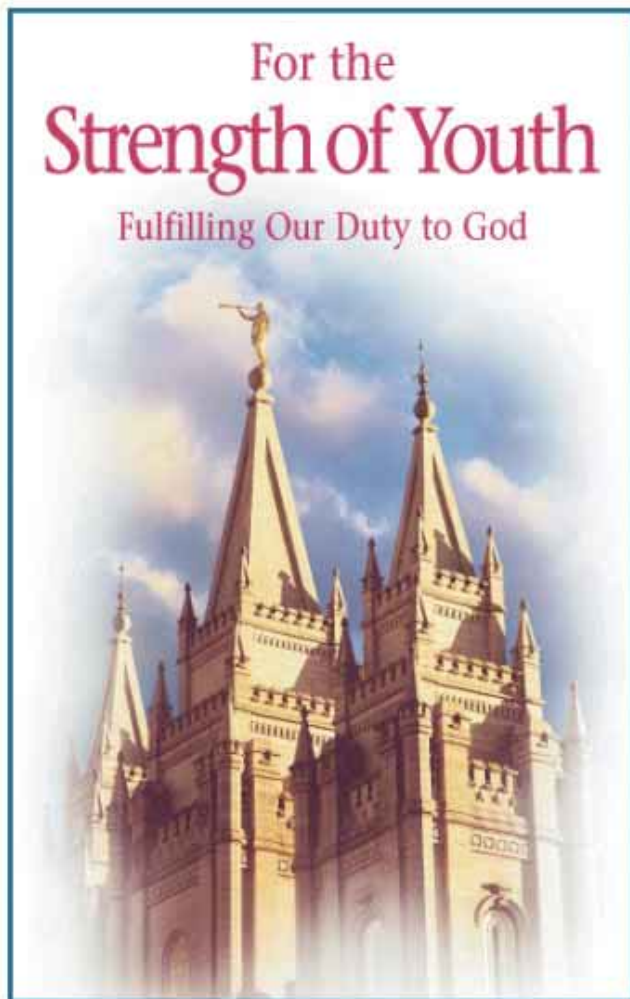


“We desire all young men to strive to earn the Eagle Scout and Duty to God Awards. We desire all young women to strive to earn the Young Womanhood Recognition.

As youth work on these goals, they will develop skills and attributes that will lead them to the temple and prepare them for a lifetime of service to their families and the Lord.”

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Revised Pamphlet and Card



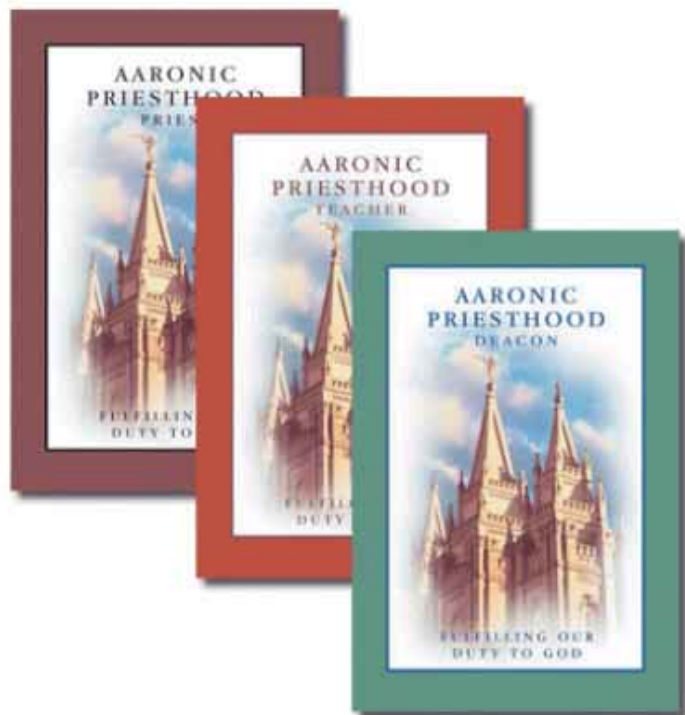
For the Strength of Youth presents the standards of the Church and teaches youth how to apply them.

By keeping these standards, youth will be of great service in the Church and the world and will be worthy to go to the temple to receive holy ordinances.

Every youth and parent should have a copy of this pamphlet.

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Fulfilling Our Duty to God

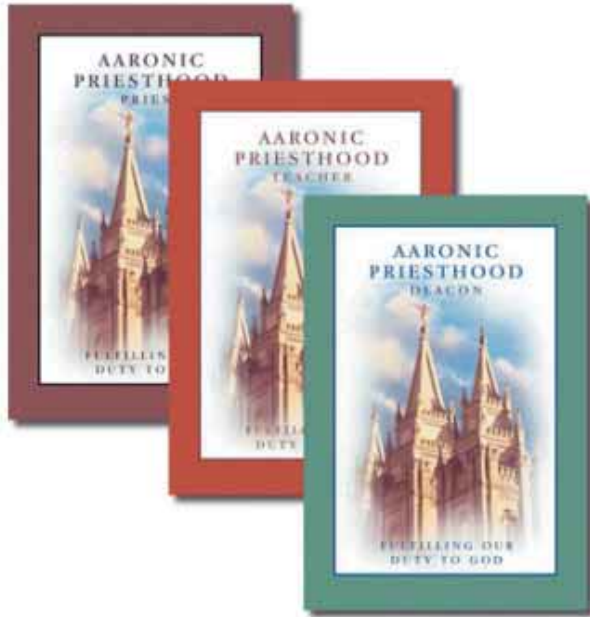


“And now my beloved brethren, I have said these things unto you that I might awaken you to a sense of your duty to God, that ye may walk blameless before him, that ye may walk after the holy order of God, after which ye have been received.”

Alma 7:22

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

Purposes of Aaronic Priesthood



- Become converted.
- Serve faithfully in priesthood callings.
- Give meaningful service.
- Prepare for the Melchizedek Priesthood and the temple.
- Prepare to serve an honorable mission.
- Obtain an education.
- Prepare for marriage and fatherhood.
- Show respect for women, girls, and children.

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Duty to God—Requirements



- Priesthood duties and standards
- Family activities
- Quorum activities
- Personal goals
- Duty to God service project
- Personal journal

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Duty to God—Personal Goals



“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

Luke 2:52



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Duty to God Award



**AARONIC PRIESTHOOD
DUTY TO GOD**

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____

The Council or Joint Council or Leadership Team:

Use this award to recognize a member who has demonstrated a high level of devotion to God and His Church, and who has been a faithful member of the Aaronic Priesthood.

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Duty to God and Scouting



Many Scouting requirements can fulfill goals and requirements of the Aaronic Priesthood Duty to God Program.



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Helping a Young Man Fulfill His Duty



- Parents
- Bishop—President of the Aaronic Priesthood
- Quorum presidencies
- Young Men advisers
- Mutual

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Fulfilling Our Duty to God

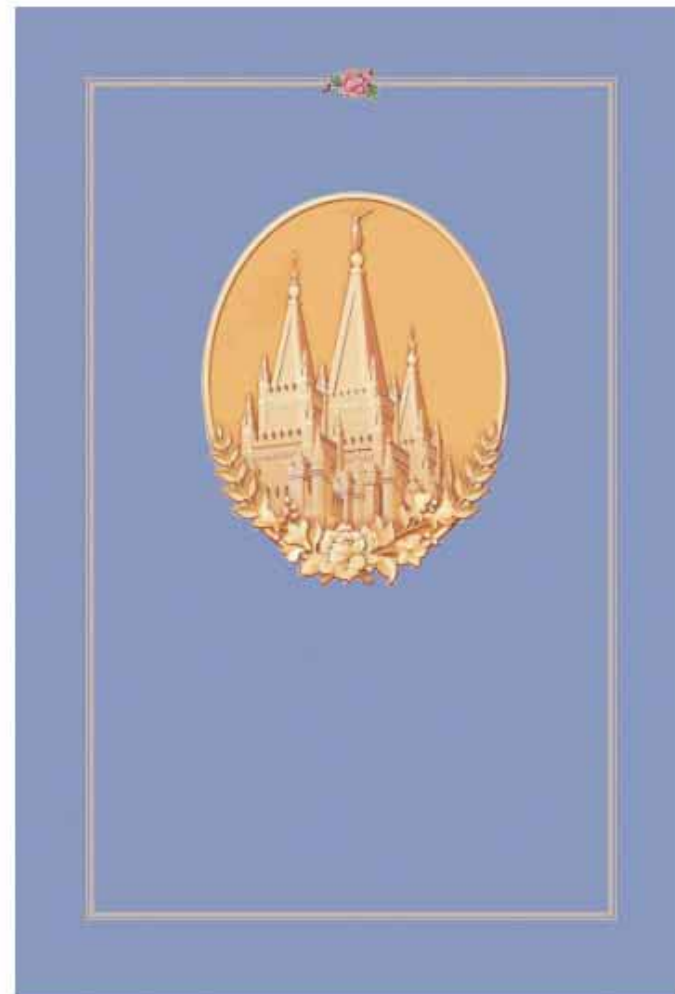
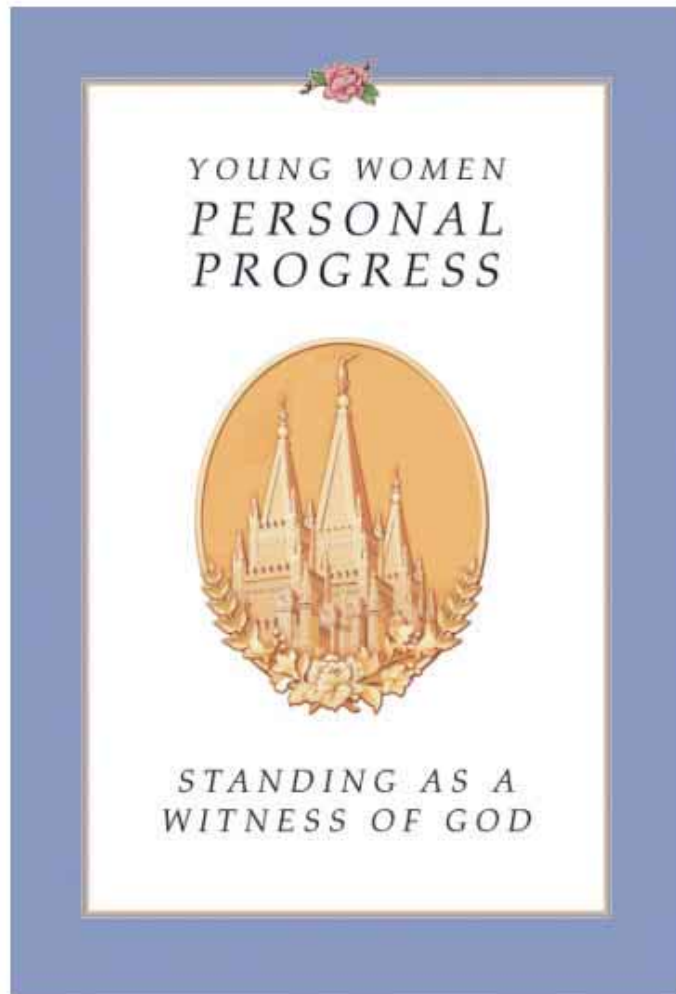


We want every young man to earn his Aaronic Priesthood Duty to God Award.

We want every young man to earn his Eagle Scout Award.

YOUNG WOMEN

Personal Progress Book and Journal



YOUNG WOMEN

Addition to the Theme

*strengthen home
and family*

YOUNG WOMEN

Theme

“We are daughters of our Heavenly Father, who loves us, and we love Him.
We will ‘stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things,
and in all places’ (Mosiah 18:9)
as we strive to live the Young Women Values, which are:

Faith
Divine Nature
Individual Worth
Knowledge
Choice and Accountability
Good Works and
Integrity

We believe as we come to accept and act upon these values, we will be prepared to
strengthen home and family,
make and keep sacred covenants,
receive the ordinances of the temple,
and enjoy the blessings of exaltation.”

YOUNG WOMEN

Personal Progress Requirements

To receive the Young Womanhood Recognition, a young woman:

- Completes six experiences and one ten-hour project for each of the seven values.
- Lives the *For the Strength of Youth* standards.

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Young Womanhood Medallion



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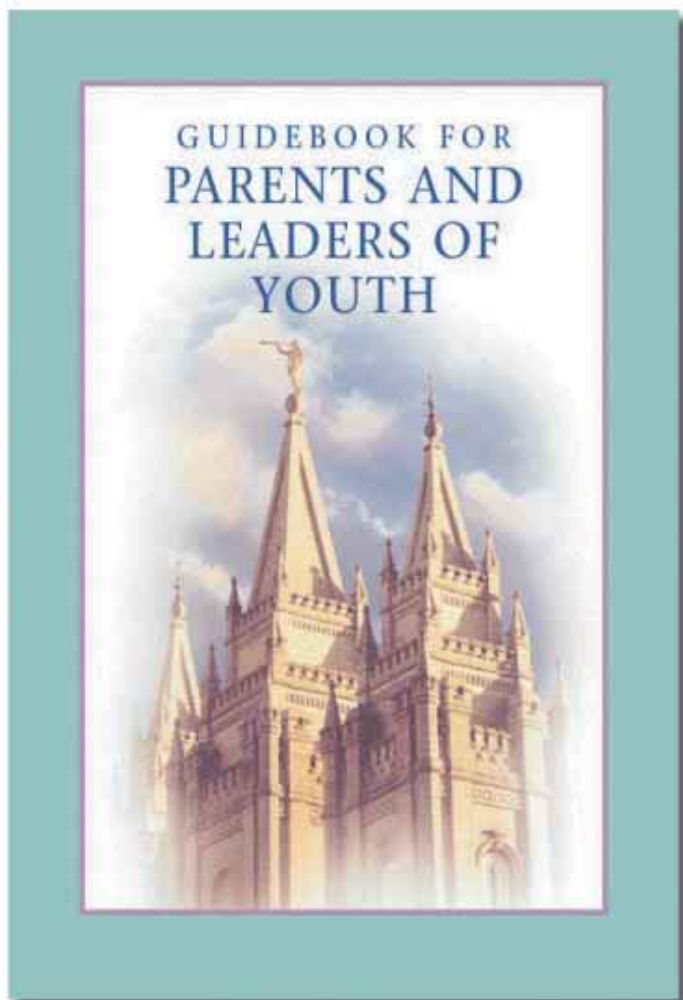
Purposes



Mutual provides opportunities for youth to:

- Meet in a social setting.
- Apply gospel principles.
- Strengthen their testimonies.
- Give service.
- Develop wholesome relationships.
- Reach out to less-active youth.

MUTUAL



The new *Guidebook for Parents and Leaders of Youth* provides detailed information about Mutual.

MUTUAL Guidelines



- Held at the same day, time, and place each week.
- Planned by leaders and youth.
- Includes opening exercises, class or quorum activities, and an optional practice or social activity.

MUTUAL

Annual Theme



Beginning in 2002, youth and their leaders will be invited to focus on an annual theme as part of Mutual.

Guidelines will be sent annually from Church headquarters.

MUTUAL

Combined Activities

Mutual Planning Worksheet

Date this Mutual night will be held: _____

Opening exercises

Presiding: _____

Conducting: _____

Opening hymn: _____

Opening prayer: _____

Music (musical numbers, new song practice):

Talk(s): _____

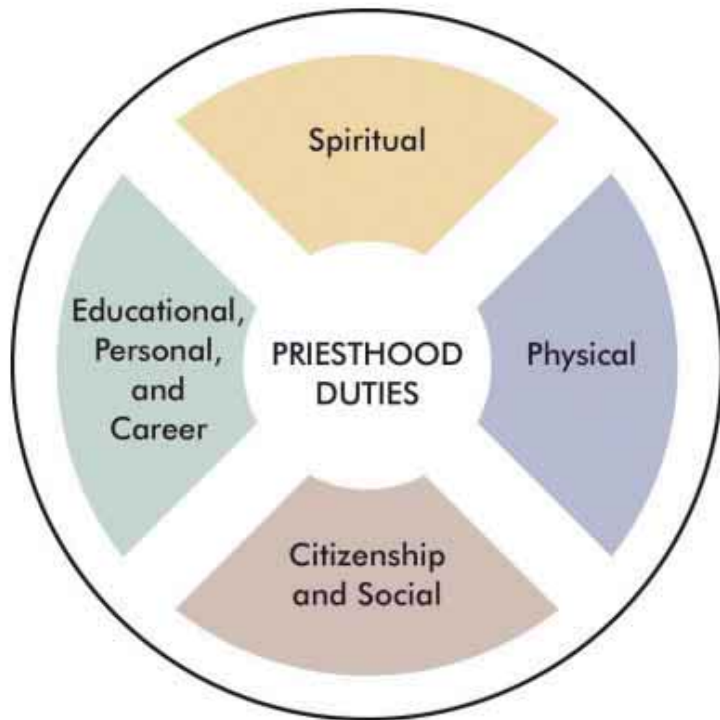
Class or quorum activity

Practice or social activity (optional)

- Are held monthly for all youth ages 12 through 18.
- Are reviewed in bishopric youth committee meeting.
- Teach youth to work and learn together.
- May include topics from *For the Strength of Youth*.

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Aaronic Priesthood Activities



- Plan activities around four basic areas of development.
- Help young men achieve their Duty to God Award.
- Where available, also work on Scouting activities.

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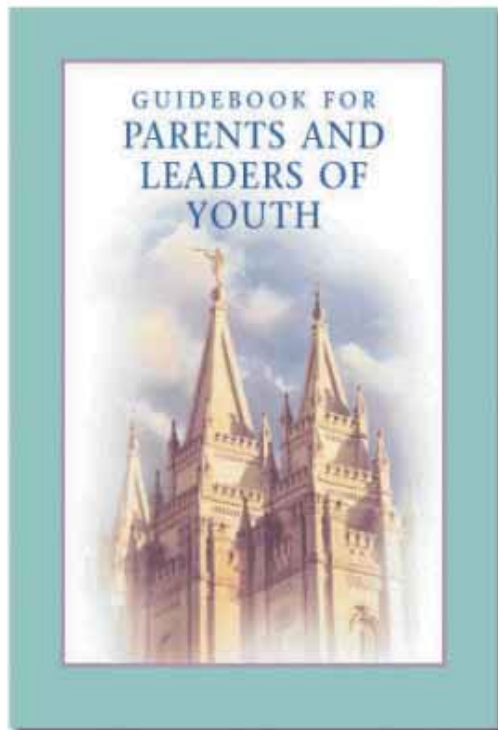
Young Women Activities



- Plan activities from the following areas:
 - Service
 - Home arts
 - Music, speech, and drama
 - Dance
 - Literary and visual arts
 - Camp
 - Sports and physical fitness
- Help young women acquire skills and talents encouraged in the Personal Progress program.

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Role of Parents and Youth Leaders



Parents have the primary responsibility to help their sons and daughters succeed.

Youth leaders are responsible to see that the youth programs are effectively implemented and to help young men earn the Duty to God Award and young women earn the Young Womanhood Recognition.