BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA
KEYSTONE CLUB PROGRAM

2026-27 CHARTER RECOGNITION LEVELS

The Keystone Club Program is BGCA's premier teen leadership experience, empowering young people to drive change through community service, leadership, and social responsibility. Clubs charter their Keystone program and advance through four focus areas: Basic, Silver, Gold, and Legacy. Once Clubs gain Silver-level status, they are granted access to the National Keystone Conference, where teens connect, share ideas, and celebrate their impact.

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BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Must have a minimum of six to 20 members between the ages of 14 to 18. One Club/site may have more than one chartered Keystone Club, but the name must be different. Example: Galaxy Stars 1, Galaxy Stars 2
2. Must have minimum of one advisor, 23 years or older.
3. Must have held at least 2 weekly meetings and elected officers.
4. Submit Keystone Club plans for the upcoming year and highlight the Club's work in the four key areas of Keystone: Academic Success, Career Preparation, Community Service and Teen Outreach.
5. Charter application must be completed in Open Water and be approved by BGCA.

Optional: Keystone Club members plan and implement at least one #WeOwnFriday Teen Outreach event.

SILVER REQUIREMENTS

1. Must meet all Basic charter requirements within the current charter period.
2. Complete a minimum of 200 cumulative project hours. Project hours are counted across all four focus areas. A project is defined as the planning and execution of Keystone projects by teens.
3. Keystone Club members must plan, implement, and submit projects in Keystone's four focus areas. Individual community service hours completed by Keystoners will still count towards the Club's total hours.
4. Submit a partial Keystone National Project report.
5. Must serve as mentors to Torch Club members or other tweens who are Torch Club age (10-13 years old).
6. Plan and implemented at least one #WeOwnFriday Teen Outreach event.
7. Charter upgrade to Silver must be completed in Open Water and approved by BGCA.

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THE ULTIMATE TEEN PROGRAM

GOLD REQUIREMENTS

1. Must meet all Silver requirements.

2. Complete a minimum of 400 cumulative service hours.

3. Participate and submit a brief description of two or more of the following National Service Initiative events:

- National Day of Service and Remembrance (September)
- National Youth Sports Week (October)
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service (January)
- Global Youth Service Day (April)
- National Adolescent Health Month (May)

4. Submit your final National Keystone Project report.

5. Plan and implemented at least two #WeOwnFriday Teen Outreach events.

6. Charter upgrade to Gold must be completed in Open Water and be approved by BGCA.

LEGACY REQUIREMENTS

1. Must meet Gold requirements.

2. Complete a minimum of 600 cumulative service hours.

3. Must create a Legacy Club mission statement.

4. Submit a description for two or more of the following Legacy initiatives:

- Develop an annual Marketing Plan
- Plan and execute a Keystone Fundraiser
- Establish a formal tween Mentorship Program

5. Provide details for your formal transition process to advance Torch Club members into the Keystone Club program.

6. Share two impact stories of teens making a difference in their community and how Keystone has made a difference in their life.

7. Plan and implemented at least three #WeOwnFriday Teen Recruitment events.

8. Charter upgrade to Legacy must be completed in Open Water and be approved by BGCA.