

Ranking Up

Overview: In Venturing, just like in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, you can achieve ranks. The ranks in Venturing are more commonly referred to as awards, as they are less common in being earned. The rank system consists of four awards including: Venture, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit. As the awards get higher, the amount of requirements increase as well as their difficulty.

The ALPS Model: The ALPS Model are the four areas of interest Venturing is built upon. ALPS stands for: **A**-Adventure, **L**-Leadership, **P**-Personal Growth, and **S**-Service. The ALPS model is the foundation of Venturing and is seen in the requirements for every award you will earn. It should always be kept in mind when planning an event, or earning awards in Venturing.

How Do I Rank Up?: Earning awards in Venturing is all about discovering more about yourself and growing as a person. If you wish to earn awards it is your responsibility to research the requirements, plan an event, run for a position, get service hours, etc. For example, if you have completed most of the requirements for the Discovery award and are ready for the advisor conference and board of review, it is your job to reach out to your advisors and crew president to schedule a time to complete them. Earning awards is not something done as a group and is not designed to be easy. Your advisors and leaders are there to help you on your journey, not to do it for you. If you have any questions while working on the awards, plenty of resources can be found in these documents, online, in your handbook, and even in your crew.