

I AM an Archer Recognition Program

The Olympic Archery in Schools new curriculum and I AM an Archer recognition program utilizes 16 of the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets® framework, which identifies a set of skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into healthy, caring, and responsible adults. Through life skills and positive youth development, OAS strives to make a community of individuals who share goals, visions and accountability for youth success through the sport of archery.

The I AM an Archer recognition program is designed to recognize accomplishments and to reward positive traits in youth. It begins with the opportunity of rewarding archers with a merit pin. Youth can earn pins during the school archery season. Once a pin is earned, it cannot be earned again.

OAS Recognition Pins:



Recognize:

Use this guide to identify traits that are encouraged to recognize and reward:

- ▶ **RESPECT PIN:** For youth who shows respect for peers and adults, understands clear rules and consequences. Youth shows respect for equipment and school environment.
- ▶ **COMPETENCE PIN:** For youth who demonstrates planning and decision making. He or she can resist negative peer pressure and seeks a peaceful resolution to conflict.
- ▶ **LEADERSHIP PIN:** For youth who shows service to others, understanding of a safe environment, is a positive influence, and models responsible behavior.
- ▶ **HONOR PIN:** For youth who places a high value on helping other people. He or she acts on convictions and stands up for his or her beliefs.
- ▶ **CONFIDENCE PIN:** For youth who demonstrates that he or she has control over “things that happen to themselves” and demonstrates self-esteem. Youth understands that life has a purpose.

Requirements:

- ▶ The I AM an Archer recognition program is an optional program.
- ▶ Must be an OAS participating school.
- ▶ The student should be a full participant in their school OAS program.
- ▶ The student must uphold the OAS Athlete Code of Conduct.
- ▶ Coach must submit a nomination form to the OAS national office by May 15th of every year.

Reward:

Coaches and peers can nominate members of their team for each category. Coaches can submit nominations to the OAS national office at OAS@esdf.org. I AM an Archer nominations forms can be found at www.olympicarcheryinschools.org.

Award:

Pins can be awarded during the season or during a special awards ceremony at the discretion of the school and/or coach.

