

Gold Application Criteria

All applications must be submitted by the 30th September each academic year. Submission after this date will preclude advancement in the selection process.

Stage 1

All students must complete the three questions asked. Each question will be scored by The Duke of Edinburgh Committee. Pupils will be scored on the quality of their written communication as well as their response to the question. Students applying for the Gold Award offered by Ballyclare Secondary should be beginning their sixth form study at the time of their application with the understanding that they are completing two years of A-Level education.

Stage 2

If successful in the application process students will be required to complete a fitness assessment. This assessment will be managed by the school's PE department and performance will be aligned with Northern Ireland averages.

In the event of oversubscription, the Committee will rank order applications and may be required to examine individual attitude, attendance and commitment to school life. Candidates for Gold may be required to attend a meeting with the committee prior to a place being offered.