

Letter to Pastor from Counselor

Parents: Complete this letter and share with your Pastor

Dear Pastor,

(Name of child) _____ has signed up to participate in a P.R.A.Y. class at _____ (church name and denomination) beginning on _____ (date).

The P.R.A.Y. Award Series program is the religious emblems program recognized by scouting groups (American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA), as part of the advancement process. Additionally, it is a program of the church and requires a signature and final review by the pastor. Young people who participate in a P.R.A.Y. class are required to share their work with their pastor for a final review. The family will be contacting you around _____ (date) when all the requirements have been completed. Please “interview” the child (sample questions will be provided), review his or her work, and sign the Award Application Form. This is an opportunity for you to participate and guide this child’s faith journey!

[Please note: Young people enrolled in the *God and Church* program for grades 6-8 are required to learn about the history and structure of their own congregation and denomination as well as be familiar with the different worship services and programs offered through their congregation. They will be coming to you (and/or your team) for help in completing these assignments. Thank you for your guidance!]

Families are invited to attend the Award Ceremony at the church on _____ (date). However, we also encourage them to talk to their pastors to be recognized at a worship service in their own congregation.

The P.R.A.Y. program is an opportunity for Christian Education and community outreach. We invite you to share in this ministry. Here is a link to the [Getting Started Toolkit](#) with more details on the P.R.A.Y. awards as ministry.

Thank you for your support as together we bring children, youth, and families to Christ!

In Christian love,

Counselor name:

Contact information:

Parent/Guardian of child:

Contact information: