

The Mark Compton Knowledge of the Order

PRIZE

Info for Cadets & Leaders

What is it?

The KOTO Prize is awarded to the Cadet(s) who create the best work in the project component of the Knowledge of the Order Proficiency Badge in each State/Territory. The aim of the Prize is to:

1. celebrate great work in completing KOTO Proficiency Badge
2. help Cadets to have a good understanding of where St John comes from (our history)
3. provide more opportunities for your personal development by pursuing the St John Youth Development Skills and Attributes.

Where did it come from?

In 2005 the St John Historical Society kindly offered to create a prize for Cadets who had completed their projects as part of the Knowledge of the Order proficiency badge. The initial work in developing the Prize was done by the Priory Historian, Dr Ian Howie-Willis KStJ. Following this, the Receiver General, Mr Mark Compton KStJ, offered to personally finance the cost of the Prize. As a result, the Prize is now called the Mark Compton Knowledge of **The Order** (or 'KOTO') Prize.

Who can enter?

The KOTO Prize is made available to each State and Territory every year and is open to any Cadet (aged between 11 and 17) who has completed the Knowledge Of The Order Proficiency Badge within the 24 months (or 2 years) prior to the submission date (which is usually around March each year).

What's in it for me?

The Prize is awarded to a winning candidate in each State and Territory and consists of a Historical Society framed certificate, a trophy and a department store voucher. The Prize is presented at the your Annual State/Territory Awards Ceremony, with the winning recipient(s) invited to attend in person. If the winner(s) cannot attend, their State/Territory Cadet Officer will accept the Prize on the winner(s) behalf.

What should my project look like?

Your project can be in any format, or your leader might ask you to do something special. Here are some of our ideas:

- hand written (i.e. a story)
- computer-generated (i.e. PowerPoint)
- a photographic display
- video
- 3 dimensional
- a play
- poster, brochure or flyer etc.

How's it assessed?

A panel of judges made up of your SOC/TOC plus either your State/Territory Board or Council Chair and senior representative of the Historical Society will assess your work. The judges are looking for the best work from a Cadet in the completion of the Knowledge of the Order Proficiency Badge (project component). Because the award is available to all Cadets, the judges will take into account the different age and maturity levels of participants. Higher quality work is expected of the older candidates. The judges will also be looking for evidence of the different St John Skills and Attributes used in your work.

Want more info?

Talk to your leader, SOC/TOC or email youth@stjohn.org.au