

Representative DeMolay Award

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The most important award that DeMolay has to offer.

There is no award in the entire DeMolay world that I think is more important to the well-being of our organization than the Representative DeMolay Award.

In the Initiatory Degree, we introduce our candidates to the Seven Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay. The Representative DeMolay award in a way is a check-up for our members to check how they are doing in living up to the ideals that we teach.

The Representative DeMolay Self-Evaluation Process

To earn this award, an active or Senior DeMolay must answer sixteen pages of introspective questions separated into seven categories, Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness and Patriotism. In all, I counted about 165 questions.

In answering these questions, the member will need to interact with advisors to help with self-assessment and people in their community that can vouch for the member's activities and behavior in several areas in the form of letters of recommendation.

There is also a follow-up question in the form of an essay titled "What has DeMolay Done for Me" where the member is required to outline in detail just how DeMolay has changed their lives using details on specific ways our teachings, comradeship and actions have affected their home, school, spiritual and social lives.

Filling out this form is a journey of self-discovery that will require a significant amount of time and complete honesty.

Where to get the RD form

The form is available for download from the DeMolay International website:

[https://demolay.org/wp-content/uploads/resources/representative demolay form.pdf](https://demolay.org/wp-content/uploads/resources/representative_demolay_form.pdf)

Filling out the form

I would recommend that your members working on this award, print out multiple copies so that they can have a working copy that they can use to develop their answers before transferring them to the final form.

- At the end of the form, the member will certify on their honor three things:
 - That their answers are true and accurate
 - That they will rededicate themselves to the ideals of DeMolay:
 - and that if they are ever unworthy of this honor, they will voluntarily return it to their Advisory Council.

Also, at the end of the form, there is a section for the Chapter Advisor and Advisory Board Chairman to recommend this member of this award.

Advisors role in the RD award

The advisors should take this recommendation very seriously and should not shy away from returning the form to the member if more work is needed in any of the areas of self-assessment.

State submission and approval

Once approved by the Advisors, the form goes on to State approval by the Awards advisor and the State Executive Officer.

Please make a copy of the completed form before sending the original in the mail to:

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Or to the executive officer

Ordering Regalia

The Advisors will also need to order the regalia which consists of a jewel to be worn around the neck and a lapel pin. There is also a RD tie that can be ordered, so that the member can show his pride in earning this award. The regalia costs the chapter \$30 and the tie adds \$20-25 and is available in regular, long and Bow-tie.

<https://demolay.org/rd/>

The Investiture ceremony

The Representative DeMolay Investiture ceremony is an especially important part of this award.

In that ceremony, they will reaffirm their dedication to the Seven Cardinal Virtues of a DeMolay and they will vow defend these virtues with the same vigor that Jacques DeMolay defended his own ideals.

They will also receive the word of a Representative DeMolay which is Tuebor, a Latin word that means "I shall defend"

The ritual for the investiture can be found at the following eScribe link

<https://escribe.demolay.org/downloads/Representative-DeMolay-Ceremony.pdf>

Conclusion

It was the wish of our founder, Frank S. Land that every DeMolay be a representative DeMolay. It is the only award that every DeMolay is eligible to receive if they put the time and effort in and we are letting our boys down if we fail encourage this opportunity to evaluate who they are and who they want to be.

It takes many Demolays years to recognize the role that DeMolay had in their lives, In my opinion, this award allows them that realization today when our members still have time to embrace our values and develop themselves even further.

Thank you.

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