



APPLICATION FORM to register for DHV

Title First name

Surname

Date of birth// 19..... (minimum age 50)

Address

..... State Postcode

Telephone Email

Member of Trefoil Guild

Please register me as a Venturer and send me a Personal Journal and any other literature to enable me to join the Dark Horse program.

**I enclose \$30
(cheque/money order)
payable to
GGA Trefoil Guild
Dark Horse Venture**

Post to:

**Trefoil Guild Dark Horse Venture Coordinator
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Padstow NSW 2211**

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DARK HORSE VENTURE

Over 12,000 people from around the UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Malta have achieved Dark Horse Venture awards for an amazing array of activities, studies and challenges.



Any retired or older person can join the scheme, no matter how fit or frail they are, and irrespective of their background or present circumstances. The Venture aims to discover the hidden talents and abilities of older people, and to put them to creative and practical use, whilst helping themselves and their wider community.

Becoming a Venturer is a journey of self discovery and presents opportunities for people to get involved in new activities, hobbies and studies, and encourages them to achieve their personal best.

Venturers find someone who is willing to act as a support or guide to them. This will be someone who is suitably qualified, experienced or familiar with the subject they are following. This could even be a friend or a member of the family if they have reasonable knowledge of what the Venturer is undertaking. The person will be the "Assessor" acting as a kind of mentor to the Venturer and will be asked, on completion of the activity, to verify the targets or goals originally set have been met within the spirit of the Dark Horse Venture.

There are five categories in which people can participate and any activity people can think of will fit into one of these. Venturers can select an activity in any one, or indeed all the categories. Those who achieve a certificate in any four different categories receive the Gold Award.

GIVING & SHARING

Encourages people to give of themselves by helping others and their wider community in a voluntary capacity. Examples are:

First Aid volunteer	Volunteer dog walker
Helping in a charity shop	Knit for charities
Fundraising	Campaign work
Hospital visitor	Christmas shoeboxes

ACTIVE & CREATIVE

Presents opportunities for people to discover their hidden talents and abilities in such things as music, arts, crafts, languages, studies, creative writing etc. Examples are:

Oil painting & watercolours	Gardening projects
Cake decoration	Furniture restoration
Cycling	Walking National parks
Keeping fit	Sports & games

PEOPLES & NATIONS

Aim is to encourage people to look more inquisitively around themselves, at their immediate surroundings and literally to the other end of the World. Examples are:

Foreign cuisine	Exploration using the Internet
Overseas travel	Pen friends
Comparative religions	Genealogy
Cross cultural dance & drams	Photography

TOMORROW'S WORLD

The 21st Century has already brought with it many challenges and problems from localised social, moral and ethical issues to those that bring global financial and environmental concerns. We can make a difference. Examples:

Passing skills on to children	Recording life history
Environmental projects	Recycling projects
Research volunteer	Caring for graves/memorials
Nursing injured wildlife	Protect wildflowers

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Whether it is classic cars, the judicial system or the history of TV any of these historic interests or studies can be incorporated in this category. Some may choose to record their own life history. Examples are:

Family history	Women's role in War
Visit museums	Costume through the ages
Local history projects	Volunteer archivist
Study folklore & songs	History of theatre



The Australian Trefoil Guild has arranged to run this scheme for Trefoil Guild members (only). The Dark Horse Venture UK has agreed that the Australian Trefoil Guild may print and distribute all necessary literature, register applicants, manage activity notifications and assessment reports and arrange the issue of certificates.

To join it is necessary to register with the TG DVH Coordinator by sending \$30 with the completed application form (over leaf). This joining fee entitles Venturers to participate in as many categories as they choose.

An Information Booklet, a Personal Journal and other required forms will be posted to the applicant on receipt of the form and fee.