



Interpreter Strip

Scouts BSA

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The Interpreter Strip shows you can communicate in another language or in sign language. It's a way to help others and bridge cultures. Wear it proudly on your uniform so people know you can help translate.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/awards/awards-central/interpreter-strip/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

☐ 1 Hold a five-minute conversation in the language

Tip: Practice talking with a family member, friend, or teacher who speaks the language. Pick everyday topics like school or hobbies.

Example: Talk about everyday topics for five minutes: your school day, your favorite food, your last campout, and your weekend plans. Ask questions back so it's a real conversation and not a speech.

☐ 2 Translate a two-minute speech or address

Tip: Listen to a short speech or video and practice translating out loud. Start with slower speakers.

Example: Choose a two-minute passage, like part of a famous speech or a short school assembly talk, and translate it out loud while someone reads it slowly. It's fine to pause between sentences.

☐ 3 Write a letter in the language (doesn't apply to sign language)

Tip: Write a short letter to a pen pal or relative. Ask a fluent speaker to look it over.

Example: Write to a relative or a teacher: introduce yourself, describe a recent campout, and ask two questions. Have a fluent speaker check the grammar and spelling, and fix what they mark.

☐ **4** Translate 200 words of written text

Tip: Choose a short article or story and translate it carefully. Have a teacher or fluent speaker review it.

Example: Two hundred words is about the length of a short news article or a few paragraphs of a story. Translate it on paper, then compare with a fluent speaker's version to see what you missed.