

Build a “do-it-yourself” (DIY) NLAS/Religious Emblems Display

1. Download the **NLAS tri-fold poster A.png** or **NLAS tri-fold poster B.png** image, depending on the emphasis you wish to provide in your presentation. NLAS tri-fold poster A.png is an image such as NLAS might use where we wish to witness to the Christian faith in Lutheran terms, and NLAS tri-fold poster B.png is an image that focuses on the religious emblems and youth growth in faith.
2. Order a 36” x 48” adhesive vinyl poster from your selected provider. The following does not constitute an endorsement by NLAS of a particular vendor. I had good results from www.nextdaydisplay.com/product/adhesive-vinyl when ordering a 36” x 48” 4 mil adhesive backed vinyl print. They do not charge a set-up fee or shipping (3 to 5 days) fee.
3. Obtain a 36” x 48” poster board from your favorite supplier and apply your adhesive poster. Align the poster to your board temporarily with clips. Apply half of the poster to the poster board, then apply the second half. Smooth the poster as you go. The vinyl above offers limited lift and reset capability. It is about as difficult as placing a glass screen protector on a phone. If you use a reclaimed poster board with black background, be sure to black out tear marks with a felt tip marker first.
4. See the **NLAS/ Religious Emblems Display document links** page to print out the display documents of your choice.

Religious Emblems background script:

The religious emblems programs are developed and administered by participating religious organizations to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) supports these programs by encouraging participation and authorizing the recognition (religious emblem medal and youth religious knot) to be worn on the BSA uniform. They are also endorsed by Girl Scouts of the USA and American Heritage Girls.

The National Lutheran Association on Scouting (NLAS) works with the Offices of Youth Ministry of the two largest National Lutheran Church bodies – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) to encourage the growth of faith in youth through the religious emblems program, to encourage Lutheran congregations and schools to extend their ministry to children, youth, and families using the programs of these partner youth serving organizations, and to encourage the youth serving organizations to emphasize growth in faith in their youth programs.

The religious emblems for Lutheran youth are administered through the Program of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y. - www.praypub.org). The Lutheran Churches (ELCA and LCMS) have reviewed and approved the PRAY curriculum. They become “Lutheran” because the youth talks with his/her pastor during instruction and the pastor signs off completion. Some pastors prefer to teach the religious emblems; others know little of it and may appoint trusted lay persons to counsel. The religious emblems are national Lutheran Church awards.

Thank you for intending to provide an NLAS display to promote growth of faith in youth. Below are links to documents that NLAS usually hands out at its display. They are available for free, and can be downloaded and printed without charge. You can print as many as you want to hand out, or print only a few for display and instead hand out the document links list (one double sided page).

NLAS/ Religious Emblems Display document links:

P.R.A.Y. Awards brochure. A brochure promoting the religious emblems that youth can earn is available for download from P.R.A.Y. It is available in two flavors - generic Protestant and Lutheran.

The **Protestant brochure** can be downloaded:

https://www.praypub.org/Data/Sites/1/media/resource-library/general-resources/pray_awards.pdf

... or ordered from PRAY online.: <https://store.praypub.org/pray-awards-flyer> (Please make a donation to PRAY.)

The **Lutheran brochure** can be downloaded:

<https://www.praypub.org/Data/Sites/1/media/denomination-resources/lutheran/pray-lutheran-brochure.pdf>

... or ordered from PRAY by telephone only: 314-845-3318 OR 800-933-PRAY .

NLAS Four-Star Scholarship. NLAS offers two competitive scholarships annually to High School seniors who are registered with AHG, GSUSA or BSA and have earned the P.R.A.Y. Four-Star Award.

The **NLAS Four-Star Scholarship Application** can be downloaded from

https://nlas.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NLAS-4-Star-Scholarship-application_r2022.pdf

Lutheran Recognition of Excellence. NLAS offers a unit level Lutheran Recognition of Excellence, for which each youth and adult in the unit can receive and wear a patch (in the uniform optional/ temporary insignia position). Applications for the LRE are available on the NLAS.org web site for BSA, GS-USA and AHG units:

LRE application for **Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing Crews, Sea Scouts:**

<https://nlas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/BSA-LRE-app-2021.pdf>

LRE application for **Girl Scout Troops:**

<https://nlas.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/GS-LRE-app-2020.2.pdf>

LRE application for **AHG Troops:**

<https://nlas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AHG-LRE-app-2021.pdf>

Adult Leader Recognitions. NLAS offers adult leader recognitions. The Lutheran Churches established the Lutheran Lamb in 1955, and NLAS added the Servant of Youth award more recently. The Lamb is for Lutheran leaders serving Lutheran youth in church and a youth serving agency for a tenure of 10 years or more. The SoY is for Christian leaders serving Lutheran youth for at least 5 years. Applications for these recognitions are available on the nlas.org web site. Proceeds from Lamb and SoY go directly to our chaplaincy fund, to help promote Lutheran chaplains at the high adventure bases, jamborees and NOACs (National Order of the Arrow Conferences).

Lamb Award application:

<https://www.praypub.org/Data/Sites/1/media/resource-library/award-applications/lamb2020.pdf>

Servant of Youth application:

<https://www.praypub.org/Data/Sites/1/media/resource-library/award-applications/servantofyouth2020.pdf>

The Duty to God / Religious Recognitions brochures.

The **BSA Duty to God brochure** A chart of the religious emblems is available on the BSA web site at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/chart/> However, a downloadable and printable version is available at <https://www.praypub.org/documents-resources>.

GS-USA To Serve God brochure. A chart of Religious Recognitions for Girl Scouts is available at <https://www.praypub.org/documents-resources>

AHG Build Your Faith Awards. Currently available only to registered adult members, at https://ahgconnect.org/source/leader_pages/334 . Check the Build Your Faith Awards in the P.R.A.Y. Resources track, or see P.R.A.Y. Awards brochure for AHG at <https://www.praypub.org/documents-resources>

NLAS Membership Application. And of course, there is an application to join NLAS and assist in our ministry to youth:

<https://nlas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NLAS-Application-2021.4f.pdf>