



Provincial and National Adult Awards

BC Awards Committee

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Do you know a Guider who is:

- Dedicated?
- Provides excellent service to Girl Guides of Canada?

Would you like to see her recognized for all she does for the girls and women in our organization?

In just a few easy steps you can nominate a Guider to receive a formal Award!

Everyone likes to be appreciated! A kind word, a smile and a thank you go a long way toward making a volunteer feel her efforts have been recognized. We want all volunteers to feel that their contribution to Girl Guides is worthwhile.

There are many informal awards and thanks that can be presented at any time to make a Guider feel welcomed and appreciated. Contact your Area Awards Adviser for suggestions and advice.

Guiding members are also encouraged to recognize Guiders by nominating them for a formal award. There are many awards to consider when nominating a volunteer.

UNIT GUIDER AWARDS

The Unit Guider Award is presented to Unit Guiders who provide girls with exciting programs and opportunities. She ensures that her girls take part in bridging opportunities. She is welcoming to new members, attends trainings, participates in district meetings and upholds the values of GGC. There are 3 levels based on years of experience.

Bronze Unit Guider Award

(1 – 3 years experience)

Silver Unit Guider Award

(4 – 10 years experience)

Gold Unit Guider Award

(11+ years experience)



Unit Guider Appreciation pins are given to new Guiders by their Commissioner. There are no forms required.



MERIT AWARDS

In order to be considered for the Merit Award, a member must demonstrate:

- Especially dedicated or excellent service to Guiding
- Having gone above and beyond the basic requirements of their Guiding position

Merit Awards are presented in the following order:

Bronze Merit Award

Silver Merit Award

Gold Merit Award

Medal of Merit:

The Medal of Merit award is presented for exceptional service to Guiding above the basic requirements for the position held



ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

BC Guider Appreciation

To honour effort and contribution Applications available at www.bc-girlguides.org



Book of Honour

Recognizes outstanding BC Guiders and girls who exemplify the spirit of Guiding through keeping the Promise and Law. Cost of \$100 is covered by donations from Guiders who support the nomination. This fee funds the Bursary of Honour each year for students who are graduating. Criteria available at www.bc-girlguides.org

Commissioner Award

Presented to Commissioners who lead by example.



Fortitude

Given to a member who has endured suffering with courage.



Gold Thanks Pin

Good service to Guiding



Honorary Life Membership

Extraordinary member - \$500 fee to National and \$150 pin and courier costs.



Silver Thanks Pin

Given to friends of Guiding for help given to Guiding.



Team Award

Extraordinary teamwork on a special project outside of usual Unit and District activities.



Valour

Given to a member who has risked her life to save another. (Bronze, Silver and Gold)



STEPS TO TAKE:



- 1) Find someone deserving to nominate.
- 2) Consult your Area Awards Adviser regarding the appropriate award.
- 3) Complete the R3 Awards Application Form available at girlguides.ca admin / forms. Please note: R3 applications are not needed for the BC Guider Appreciation Award and the Book of Honour. Applications and criteria are available at www.bc-girlguides.org click membership then awards. *Please note all nominations are to be kept confidential.*
- 4) Gather letters of support; letters can be submitted to you via email. Tips for letter writing are included in this pamphlet.
- 5) Submit the awards application (R3), and the letters of support to your Area Awards Adviser for review. Be sure to have the applicable commissioner's signature on the R3 before you send it in. The nominee's iMIS profile is helpful for the committee reviewing the application.

The Awards Committee will review the application and notify the nominator and the appropriate Commissioner on whether the nominee meets the criteria for the Award being requested.

Awards can be presented at any time.

Some committees prefer to honour the recipient at a special / memorable occasion that is meaningful to the participant.



Guiders who have received formal awards in the past demonstrated one or more of the following:

- Been a mentor to other Guiders.
- Been a role model for girls and Guiders.
- Went out of their way to enrich the girls' program through creativity and supporting girl greatness.
- Demonstrated commitment to the Promise and Law through her actions.
- Given extra efforts within their community.
- Attends trainings to enhance their role in Guiding.
- Successfully organized bridging, District or Area events / camps.
- Have taken on a special project for Guiding.
- Have been innovative.
- Created new resources.
- Been an active member of Guiding Committees outside of their usual responsibilities.
- Volunteered as staff or took girls to Provincial, National or International camps.

What do you mean by extra effort?

- Extra effort is one that is beyond what the average Guider would normally do for her position. If you're not sure what that is check with your Awards Adviser or your Commissioner.

REFERENCE LETTERS

Letters regarding her service to Girl Guides can come from Guiders, girls, parents, other volunteer organizations, employers, and co-workers.

If you are asked to write a reference letter it can be submitted via email. It can be in point form or several paragraphs. You do not need to include positions the Guider has held as this information is available in her iMIS report.

When writing a reference letter please include:

- Her personal traits that make her special.
- Stories that illustrate her best qualities (how she made an event special, how she relates to the girls or Guiders she volunteers with.)
- How the nominee demonstrates her commitment to Girl Guides and the Promise and Law.
- Give examples of the extra effort she puts in when taking on responsibilities for Guiding, her family, community or work life.

How long does the process take?

- It can take 3 to 4 months after submission for National Awards: Valour, Fortitude, Beaver, and Honorary Life to be reviewed and approved.
- Two to three months for Provincial Awards – Book of Honour, Team Award, and Medal of Merit.
- Two months for Area Awards: Merit Awards, Unit Guider, Commissioner, BC Guider Appreciation and Thanks Pins,
- Please note all submissions need to go to your Area Awards Adviser first and are then sent on to the Provincial / National levels for review.
- You must wait for approval before presenting the award.