



Provincial and National Adult Awards



Frequently Recognize Our Guiders

Do you know a Guider who is:
Outstanding?
Dedicated?
Provides excellent service to
Girl Guides of Canada?

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

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

Can be received 3 times in the following order

Bronze Merit Award

Silver Merit Award

Gold Merit Award

Member must demonstrate: especially dedicated or excellent service, having gone above and beyond the basic requirements of her position.



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 goes towards the Bursary of Honour. 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 ►



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 (forms). *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 appropriate signatures on the R3 before you send it in.

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.



- 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.

REFERENCE LETTERS

Letters can come from Guiders, girls, parents, other volunteer organizations, employers and professors.

If you are asked to write a reference letter it can be submitted via email. It can be in point form or a few 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.

Questions and Answers:

How long does the process take?

- It can take one to 3 months after submission, depending on the award and whether it needs to be submitted to Area, Provincial or National Girl Guides. Please consult your Area Awards Adviser and the www.bc-girlguides.org awards page for time lines. In general – one month for Awards presented at the District or Area Level, two months for Awards that are reviewed at the Provincial level and 3-4 months for awards which must be submitted at the National level. 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.

Do the colours of the Merit Awards mean?

- Merit Awards are given for the type of service / recognition appropriate for the Guider. The progression is Bronze, Silver, then Gold Merit Award presented to a Guider who meets the criteria.

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.



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