

Girlguiding / British Girlguiding Overseas awards criteria documents

Girlguiding has many ways of recognising and valuing its leaders. It is important that we thank the volunteers and recognising the fantastic work they do and presenting them with an award is one way of showing how much we value them.

There are many awards that leaders and volunteers can be nominated for.

This document brings together information about awards that are available - both nationally and regionally.

It also tells you how to apply for them on behalf of another Girlguiding member.

Awards created by Girlguiding

Thanks Award

The Thanks Badge is given to members and non-members of Girlguiding as a sign of appreciation for their support

Any member of Girlguiding may present a thanks badge after discussion with a leader or commissioner

The Thanks Badge may only be given to a member of the Trefoil Guild if they have given service specifically to Girlguiding

Good Service Brooch

This brooch may be given to an adult member of Girlguiding for excellent service to guiding

It can be awarded by

- The Chief Guide, for service to Girlguiding
- A Chief Commissioner, for service in a country/region
- a County Commissioner, for services in the county

To be eligible for a Good Service brooch the nominee must fulfil one of these criteria

- Hold a current member and recognised volunteer card
- Have completed a role no more than six months before the application is made

Long Service awards

Any adult member who volunteers regularly is eligible for a Long Service Award. Service is counted from the date someone becomes a member, aged 16 or over, and actively carries out a role for 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years. Years do not need to be consecutive.

Girlguiding Discretionary awards

These are national awards and members can be nominated for these using the following links from the Girlguiding website. Please remember to inform the Chief Commissioner for BGO when applying for any of these awards so that she can offer support and further advice.

- Guiding Star - [guiding-star-award](#)
- Laurel Award - [laurel-award](#)
- Silver Fish - [silver-fish-award](#)
- National awards - CBE, OBE, MBE www.gov.uk/honours

British Girlguiding Overseas awards

Girlguiding BGO Chief Commissioner Award /Silver Galleon Award This is an award presented at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner only -

- The Girlguiding BGO Chief Commissioner's Award is for extra inspirational volunteering. It is awarded to exceptional adult members who exemplify the Guide Laws in all aspects of their guiding and everyday life. The member should be a person who is respected by their guiding peers and who stands out as making a truly significant difference to guiding for girls and/or adults. While this award is awarded at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner, she will need support from other commissioners, leaders, and girls as well for nominations and support information.

The following awards will need to be submitted to the BGO awards committee for consideration using the approved paperwork and documents

A) BGO Award. (*metal brooch and proper certificate*)

This award is for volunteers who go above and beyond their role. They motivate and inspire others and improve the quality of girl led guiding. This is an award which local commissioners and leaders can nominate others for.

The criteria for applying for this award are

Guiding Experience - Held a guiding role within unit, district, division, county or region level. Within this role the leader will have demonstrated great leadership skills and have been a good team player.

Impact - made a significant contribution to supporting guiding in the local area or for BGO.

Personal attributes - They should be well respected by their guiding peers, and have made a significant contribution to guiding.

B) Young person BGO award (*metal brooch and proper certificate.*)

This award is for girls 5-18 who have made a notable commitment within their unit, district, division or county or for BGO. This is an award which local commissioners and leaders can nominate young members for.

The criterion for applying is

They have made a level of participation that is over and above their usual role within guiding

This could be

- an act of exceptional kindness or an act of bravery,
- making a difference to the lives of others through supporting a charity or a worthy cause,
- speaking out and empowering other to have a voice
- Providing a significant contribution to an event large or small over and above their role

The following award is submitted to the county or division commissioner for decision

BGO Thank You brooch

This is for all BGO members who have notably helped over and above their usual role, and non-members who have notably helped at a unit meeting, District, Division or County event. This is an award which local commissioners, leaders and young members can nominate for. The awards committee would like to know who will receive this award so that a letter can be sent to be given to the person at the presentation of the award.