

## Provincial and National Adult Awards

Do you know a Guider who is dedicated, and 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?

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, thanks and recognition that can be presented at any time to make a Guider feel welcomed and appreciated.

No application or support letters are needed for the following three recognitions. Please inform iMIS when presented.

1. Unit Guider Appreciation pins are given to new Guiders in their first year by the National office.



2. Certificate of Appreciation:

Certificates of Appreciation are available to recognize service given to Guiding by Members and friends of Guiding.



3) Silver Thanks Pins

Given to friends of Guiding for help given to Guiding.



### Formal Awards

All nominations for formal awards listed below are submitted through [https://ggcportal.smapply.ca/prog/national\\_awards\\_portal/](https://ggcportal.smapply.ca/prog/national_awards_portal/) with the exception of the Book of Honour and BC Award.

#### Gold Thanks Pin

Given to a member for exceptional service to Guiding.



#### Unit Guider Awards

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



Bronze Unit Guider Award

(1 – 3 years of experience)

Silver Unit Guider Award

(4 – 10 years of experience)

Gold Unit Guider Award

(11+ years of experience)

#### Commissioner Award

Presented to Commissioners who lead by example.



### 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



#### Team Award

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



#### BC Guider Appreciation Pin

To honour effort and contribution to GGC.



#### Medal of Merit (Provincial)

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



#### Beaver (National)

A member must demonstrate exceptional service to Guiding at the provincial or national level, and exceptional commitment to their provincial or national Guiding role.



#### Gold Leaf (National)

a member must demonstrate an exceptional service to Guiding at the National level.



**Fortitude (National)** Given to a member who has endured suffering with courage



**Medal of Valour (National)** Given to a member who has risked her life to save another. (Bronze, Silver and Gold)



**Honorary Life Membership (National)**

This prestigious award is given in recognition of ongoing, dedicated, and long-term service to Guiding.



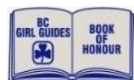
**BC Award (Provincial)**

To honour an individual whose contributions have affected the nature of BC Guiding, Contact the Provincial Commissioner or a member of BC Council to nominate.



**Book of Honour (Provincial)**

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 goes towards the Bursary of Honour for girl applicants.

Contact [bc-bookofhonour@girlguide.ca](mailto:bc-bookofhonour@girlguide.ca)

### STEPS TO TAKE:

- Find someone deserving to nominate.
- Consult your Area Awards Liaison or District Awards Liaison (if you have one) regarding the appropriate award.
- Complete THE ONLINE application
- Gather letters of support; letters are to be uploaded with application. Tips for letter writing are included in this pamphlet.

### Application Portal :

[https://ggcportal.smapply.ca/prog/national\\_awards\\_portal/](https://ggcportal.smapply.ca/prog/national_awards_portal/)

### Letters to submit:

**1 letter is required:** Gold Thanks, and the BC Guider Appreciation Award.

**2 letters are required:** Team Award, Unit Guider Awards, Commissioner Award, Merit Award, Medal of Merit, BC Leadership Spirit Award, BC Award, Beaver Award, Gold Maple Leaf Award, Fortitude Award, Valour Award

**3 letters are required:** Honorary Life Award, Book of Honour

Award pins are generally purchased from the on-line Guide Store.

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.

### REFERENCE LETTERS

Letters can come from Guiders, girls, parents of girls, 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 several paragraphs.

**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

- Created new Guiding resources.
- Attended trainings to enhance their role in Guiding.
- Successfully organized bridging, District or Area events / camps.
- Have taken on a special project for Guiding.
- Been an active member of Guiding Committees outside of their usual responsibilities.
- Volunteered as staff or took girls to a Provincial, National, or international camp.

### When writing a reference letter include:

- Their personal traits that make them special.
- Stories that illustrate their best qualities (how they made an event special, how they relate to the girls or Guiders they volunteer with.)
- How the nominee demonstrates their commitment to Girl Guides and the Promise and Law.
- Give examples of the extra effort they put into Guiding, their family, community, or work life.

### 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.

### 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 have questions check with your District/Area Awards Liaison, your District/Area Commissioner, or the provincial awards committee at [bc-awards@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-awards@girlguides.ca)