



Girlguiding Midlands Thanks and Recognition Awards Information and Guidance

Welcome to our information page outlining the various awards volunteers can be nominated for at Region, Girlguiding HQ and UK National levels.

We are aware of the fantastic volunteering that goes on across the region and that local guiding finds many ways to recognise and thank their volunteers, which is brilliant! If you would like information on ideas for Thanks and Recognition at a local level please check your county website or contact your County Chair of Awards.

However, there are volunteers who you may feel give so much time and effort to guiding that they deserve to be recognised at a higher level for their outstanding service. This information page sets out to help you apply for the appropriate award for your nominee.

We hope it is clear enough, but should you need further help or advice please do contact your County Chair of Awards, or Girlguiding Midlands HQ, who will be happy to talk through the process and offer support regarding the appropriate award.

We are looking forward to receiving applications from you for those members in your county you feel deserve special recognition and thanks for what they do in Guiding.

Marion Wynn

Chair Midlands Awards Committee

Girlguiding Midlands Region Awards

Midlands Region Award

An award given to active adult members of Girlguiding Midlands

Award Criteria:

- The nominee should have given exceptional service, commitment or inspirational volunteering at county or region level
- The nominee should have made an impact within their county and/or region
- The nominee should be highly respected by their guiding peers.



Please note this award is not presented for length of service

'In exceptional circumstances, the Chief Commissioner may nominate a volunteer for the Girlguiding Midlands Region Award and, subject to the approval of the Awards Committee, the Award be granted without further supporting correspondence.'

Chief Commissioner's Award

An award given to active members of Girlguiding Midlands

Award criteria:

The award recognizes the extraordinary contribution and dedication given by a member of Girlguiding Midlands who is helping to provide quality guiding to girls and young women primarily at a unit level.

The nominee will demonstrate one or more of the following attributes: that they are a role model, a team player, inspirational, enthusiastic, encouraging and dedicated.

The nominee will also fulfil one or more of the categories below:

- **Providing Support to others** - this could be of their peers, of girls, mentoring others or showing support in another way
- **Growing Guiding** - enabling new units to open, helping to prevent units closing, participating in local PR initiatives
- **Inclusivity** - adapting for special needs, fundraising to enable trips and provide experiences
- **Facing Challenges** - Health issues, bereavement, work commitments, transport issues, deprivation, hold multiple roles
- If a nominee has done something incredible beyond this area, please discuss this with your county chair of awards.

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Midlands Merit Award

An award given to active members of Girlguiding Midlands

Award Criteria:

The Midlands Merit Award may be given to any active member

- Who has shown great initiative and responsibility either at an incident or in some other commendable way

or

To any member up to their 19th birthday who

- Continues their guiding activities whilst displaying a positive attitude despite experiencing a long-term medical condition or coping with exceptional circumstances



How to make an application:

REGION AWARD

The application must be:

- Submitted without the knowledge of the nominee or their family
- Accompanied by a fully completed Girlguiding Midlands Awards Application form
- Accompanied by up to five letters of support outlining the various aspects of the nominee's service. The Midlands Reference Form may be used instead of a letter if preferred
- All completed applications should be forwarded to your County Awards Committee c/o your County Office or Commissioner

CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S AWARD

The application must be:

- Submitted without the knowledge of the nominee or their family
- Any person may nominate a member of Girlguiding Midlands for this award
- Submitted by completing a Chief Commissioner's Award application form
- Recommended by the county awards committee (in the absence of a county awards committee, nominations should be sent to the county commissioner or her appointed representative)
- Signed by the local and county commissioner
- All completed forms should then be sent to the Girlguiding Midlands Awards Committee

MIDLANDS MERIT AWARD

The application must be:

- Submitted without the knowledge of the nominee or their family
- Accompanied by a fully completed Girlguiding Midlands Awards Application form
- Accompanied by an up to date copy of the nominee's GO record
- Accompanied by up to three letters of support from appropriate guiding and non-guiding supporters/witnesses.