



Criteria for Girlguiding Midlands Awards

October 2018

The committee is asked for its opinion/approval on the revised criteria and application procedure set out below for the Midlands Region Award and the Midlands Merit Award.

The Chief Commissioner's Award is to be reviewed by the County Chair of Awards on October 7th. Any comments, observations etc about this award, that would help this group, would be welcome.

The layout and presentation of the Awards information are still being worked on and will probably look quite different when completed.

When considering the Region Award please consider whether we should also include the following paragraph:

'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.'

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.

Lesley Knighton
Chair Midlands Awards Committee

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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



Chief Commissioner's Award

An award given to active members of Girlguiding Midlands

Award criteria:

- The nominee should have given outstanding service at a local level
- The nominee should have made an impact to guiding at a local level

Please note this award is not presented for length of service



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 under the age of 30 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.