

New National Awards Process (April 2024)

In years past, each Provincial Council used its own system for processing awards. As a national organization with awards that are offered in every Council, GGC will prepare Awards Packages to bring consistency to the National awards program. The goal of this change is to make applying for awards quicker, more straightforward, and more equitable. For more information on National awards criteria, visit Member Zone [Member Awards page](#).

The information below applies to the following National Awards:

- Gold Thanks pin
- Unit Guider Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Commissioner/ACL
- Team Award
- Merit Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Medal of Merit

Q: How can I submit a nomination?

A: To nominate someone for an award, please create or log into the [National Awards Portal](#), complete the nomination form, and include any relevant letters of support.

Q: Who can nominate a GGC member for an award?

A: Any GGC member can nominate another member for an award. Nominations can be submitted all year long.

Q: Who decides whether a nomination is approved?

A: All award nominations are reviewed by two National Award Reviewers.

Q: How do I know whether my award submission has been approved?

A: If the Award **is not** approved, a message explaining this is sent to the nominator. If the award **is** approved, a message with the next steps is sent to the nominator.



Q: Who prepares the award packages?

A: The Provincial Operations team (Catherine and Jill) can view awards that have been approved through the National Awards portal. Provincial staff are responsible for ensuring award packages are prepared and mailed out. Staff have access to the portal to print supporting letters which will be included in the awards packages. Staff will contact the nominator and/or Commissioner to find out where awards should be mailed so they can be presented locally.

Please submit your awards as early as possible so there is ample time to get the award packages mailed out in time for your recognition events.

Q: Who pays for these awards?

A: For 2024, the cost of all award packages and pins for National awards submitted through the awards portal will be covered by GGC and mailed out by province. There will be no cost to units, districts, or areas.

Q: How do these awards get recorded in iMIS?

A: National is responsible for ensuring these awards are entered in iMIS. This is done in July of each year for awards that have been presented by July 1 of the current Guiding year.

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions?

A: NL Awards Adviser nl-awardschair@girlguides.ca
NL Provincial Office staff nearyc@girlguides.ca or whitej@girlguides.ca

Other changes:

The **Letter of Commendation** has been discontinued. We recommend Guiders use the Gold Thanks pin instead.

The new **Unit Guider Appreciation Pin** no longer needs to go through an application process. National will automatically mail this pin to new unit Guiders at the end of the Guiding year to show GGC's appreciation.



Awards Package Contents

- Certificates (only applicable to certain awards below) in colour on high quality paper
- Letters in black and white on regular paper

Award	Awards Package consists of:
Gold Thanks Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pin• Folder<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Printed copy of supporting letter
Unit Guider Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pin• Folder<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Printed copies of supporting letters
Commissioner (ACL) Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pin• Folder<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Printed copies of supporting letterso Certificate
Team Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pins x number of recipients• Folders x number of recipients<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Printed copies of supporting letters x number of recipients
Merit Award (Bronze, Silver, Gold)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pin• Folder<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Printed copies of supporting letterso Certificate
Medal of Merit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pin• Folder<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Printed copies of supporting letterso Certificate