

Bridging Member FAQ's

So, You've Completed the Ranger Program – Now What?

The Guiding journey never ends! Did you know that you can enjoy more Guiding fun after you have completed the Ranger program? When you register as a bridging member, you can continue your Guiding adventures in a whole new way.

But what is a bridging member? We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions to help you better understand what comes next after Rangers.

If you have any questions that we have not mentioned on this list or if you're interested in learning about Guiding opportunities for youth members in Nova Scotia, please contact ns-youth@girlguides.ca

FAQ's

1. *What is a bridging member?*

A Bridging Member (formerly TMBR) is a youth member who has not yet reached the age of majority in her province/territory (19 in Nova Scotia) but has completed the Ranger program. A bridging member is still a youth member and as such, has “girl” status, as opposed to “adult” status in Guiding. A bridging member is 18 in Nova Scotia.

2. *How do I register to become a bridging member?*

Girls interested in becoming a bridging member should fill out a paper registration form ([A.5P](#)). Forms can then be sent off to ns-membership@girlguides.ca for processing

When filling out the registration form, select the box that says “Girls transitioning to adult membership (completed Rangers program)” in the “I want to join” section.

3. *Do I have to pay a registration fee to become a bridging member?*

Nope! Registration fees are covered by the Girl Guides of Nova Scotia Provincial Council and Girl Guides of Canada. We want you to stay involved! To help you ease through this transitioning period, we have waived all registration fees for bridging members.

4. *I'm 18 years old. Does that mean I am a bridging member?*

Not necessarily. If you have turned 18 after the current Guiding year has started (anytime between October and June) and you are in your final year of high school, you should register for the Ranger program.

Bridging members are youth that have turned 18 before a new Guiding year has started. If you have any questions about registration you can direct them to ns-membership@girlguides.ca

5. *When do I register to become a bridging member?*

We recommend that you register as soon as registration opens for the next Guiding year. See #2 above on how to register Forms can then be sent off to ns-membership@girlguides.ca for processing

6. When do I register as an adult member?

In the month following your 19th birthday, you will be contacted (via the email associated with your iMIS profile) to complete a screening to become an adult member. You can then fill out an adult registration form (attach adult registration form) and send to ns-membership@girlguides.ca

7. Do I need a police record check to be a bridging member?

No. As a bridging member you are still considered a youth member and are therefore not required to have a police record check.

8. Can I be a Guider or Girl Assistant while I am a bridging member?

Absolutely! Where you will still not be old enough to be considered an adult member and therefore cannot be a Guider, we encourage interested youth to register with a unit and volunteer as a Girl Assistant. You can find more information on the Girl Assistant Program at www.girlguides.ns.ca – News and Articles section!

9. Can I register as a Link Member and a Bridging Member?

Unfortunately, no. Link Members require an adult membership. When you are 19, we would love for you to register as a [Link Member](#)!

10. Why should you become a bridging member?

There are so many reasons you should become a bridging member! Here are a few of the reasons why:

- Continued membership in the largest organization for Girls and Women in Canada
- Access to scholarships, travel opportunities and trainings.
- A smooth transition to Adult Membership (Guider) when you turn 19.
- Communication – Canadian Guider, Guidepost, and event emails – stay up to date!
- Ability to volunteer directly with girls as a Girl Assistant or with committees/councils.
- It's totally free! We want you to stay – NS Council of GGC covers your membership fee

11. I'm 19 and no longer a bridging member. What's Next?

We would love for you to continue your Guiding journey and become an Adult Member! There are many different routes you can take as a volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada. Whether you choose to be a Guider with a unit, a [Link Member](#), or a camp volunteer, there is something for everyone in Guiding.

There is also the option to join a Guiding Council in your district, area, or on the provincial level. For more information on opportunities contact ns-youth@girlguides.ca

Not only do these experiences look fantastic on a resume, they connect you with inspiring women from across the country and beyond.