



The County Standard Gold Award

Purpose

The County Standard Gold Award will be awarded to recognise and acknowledge an **outstanding contribution** made to Guiding in Hampshire East at County level. This may be through a role held or a specific event that has benefitted members across the County. This award is for adult members who have reached their 18th birthday and over.

These procedures have been agreed to ensure that the awarding of the County Standard Gold Award is fair and equitable.

Criteria

1. Applications must be made without the knowledge of the nominee and supported by 3 letters of recommendation.
2. The award may be made to any member reaching the criteria who has reached her 18th birthday and is involved in Guiding irrespective of the appointment they hold.
3. The nominee will have made an outstanding contribution to Guiding in Hampshire East. This could be involvement with new or current initiatives to promote and enhance Guiding within our County.
4. Nominations may be made by any member of Girlguiding, but must be supported by the appropriate Division Commissioner or Chairman of the Awards Sub-Committee.
5. The Award is a brooch in the form of a metal County Standard with a gold bar. The brooch may be worn in or out of guide wear.
6. Applications will not normally be considered more than six months after completion of service is undertaken in Guiding.

Procedures

How to Apply:

1. Completed applications should be returned to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, together with original copies of letters of support. Application forms are available on the County website.
2. Letters of support should provide:
 - a. Specific detail from as wide a range of people as possible covering the range of roles/responsibilities/activities undertaken by the nominee.
 - b. 3 letters of support.
 - c. The writer's appointment or status and be signed and dated.

- d. Typewritten wherever possible.
 - e. Letters sent by email are acceptable.
3. Please mark envelopes 'Confidential'. Letters will be treated with strictest confidence.

After the Awards Sub-Committee has met:

1. Following consideration of the Award application, the Chairman will inform the appropriate Division Commissioner of the decision of the Sub-Committee.
2. The Sub-Committee's decision will be final. However:
 - a. On the advice of the Sub-Committee, an application can be resubmitted.
 - b. A brand new application may be submitted for a nominee after a period of two years.
3. The Award will be presented, wherever possible, by the County Commissioner or her nominated representative on a suitable occasion.

*Awards Committee
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