

County Courage award

Purpose

The County Courage award is presented to any member of Girlguiding who has shown great initiative or responsibility at an incident, participated fully in Girlguiding whilst overcoming personal problems, or who has shown long term commitment to others, (for example as a carer). It recognises the selflessness of giving to others.

These criteria have been agreed to ensure that the awarding of the County Courage award is fair and equitable.

Criteria

- The award may be made to any member of Girlguiding, including young members of all ages.
- Nominations may be made by any member of Girlguiding or the Trefoil Guild and should be supported by the relevant Division Commissioner or Chair of the Awards Committee. The nominator must not be related to the nominee.
- Applications must be made without the knowledge of the nominee.
- A nomination must be supported by a minimum of two additional individuals, each of whom complete a supporting information form. Where appropriate, supporting evidence from outside Girlguiding will be accepted.
- Where courage has been shown at an incident, applications will not normally be considered more than six months after that incident.

How to apply

The completed nomination form and supporting information forms should be sent by email to the Chair of the Awards Committee (awards_chair@gghw.org.uk) to arrive no later than 1 February, 1 May or 1 October for consideration at the Awards Committee meetings to be held later in each month.

Supplementary information forms should be:

- Specific, giving examples of how the nominee has demonstrated courage.
- Signed and dated and include the supporter's role and membership number

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Before the awards committee meeting

The Chair of the committee will circulate copies of the forms to the other committee members and the division commissioner.

After the Awards Committee meeting

- The Chair of the committee will inform the appropriate Division Commissioner of the committee's decision. The committee's decision is final.
- The award will be presented, where possible, by the County Commissioner or her nominated representative. The County Commissioner will liaise with the Division Commissioner on the most appropriate arrangements for the presentation.