

## NATIONAL AWARDS PROCESS FOR BC

National award applications are submitted on the National awards portal. Awards are reviewed and assessed by National reviewers to bring consistent and equitable standards to the National awards program. For more information on National awards criteria, visit Member Zone: [Member Awards page](#).

Please ensure your nomination meets the criteria before submitting the application.

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

### Note:

- The Letter of Commendation has been discontinued.
- National will mail out the New Unit Guider Appreciation Pin to new Guiders near the end of the Guiding year.
- National award pins are ordered and paid for locally as per area guidelines. In 2024, National will be reimbursing the cost of pins purchased by local councils. Receipts and online banking information are to be submitted to [joan.coert@girlguides.ca](mailto:joan.coert@girlguides.ca) who will then connect with National to process the reimbursements. National will mail awards packages for the Beaver, Gold Maple Leaf, Honorary Life, Fortitude and Valour Awards. All other award packages in British Columbia are prepared and presented at the local level.

### Award Packages:

- In BC, award packages are prepared at the local level, according to the area's guidelines. The supporting letters are accessed through the nominator. Award packages consist of the supporting letters in a presentation folder and the appropriate pin. They are delivered / mailed out in time for recognition events.
- Letters should have the body printed in black and white with the GGC logo / letterhead on the top.

### FAQ's

#### How can I submit a nomination?

To nominate someone for an award, go to the [GGC Portal in Member Zone](#) under opportunities. Complete the nomination form, be sure to include required letters of support.

#### Who can nominate a Girl Guides of Canada member for an award?

Members of GGC can nominate another member for an award. Nominations can be submitted at any time.

#### Who decides whether a nomination is approved?

All award nominations are reviewed by two National Award Reviewers.

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

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.

#### How do these awards get recorded in iMIS?

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.

#### Who do I contact for further information?

BC Awards Adviser: [bc-awards@girlguides.ca](mailto:bc-awards@girlguides.ca)