

Recognition and Awards Information Manitoba Council

Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada believes it is important that all Guiders are acknowledged for their support of Guiding and the role they play in helping girls achieve greatness in every area of their lives.

Presenting awards to Guiders is a wonderful way to encourage and reward Members for being part of Guiding and acknowledging the great job. Let's remember about the New Awards now available for Guiders.

New Unit Guider Appreciation Pin	The New Unit Guider Appreciation Pin is presented to each new Unit Guider in the first year of service to a Guiding unit (Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers). The pin is presented by the Unit Guider's council or communities of Guiding, and is only presented to a Member once. No award application is required.
Unit Guider Award	<p>The Unit Guider Award is presented to Unit Guiders who: provide girls with diverse and exciting programs and opportunities that will help them achieve greatness; ensures there are regular bridging opportunities; always welcomes new Members; attends trainings; participates in district or communities of Guiding meetings; and upholds the values of GGC.</p> <p>The award is granted by the council concerned and given in three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Unit Guider Award (experience 1—3 years) • Silver Unit Guider Award (experience 4 —10 years) • Gold Unit Guider Award (experience 11+ years) <p>The years of experience are cumulative and a Unit Guider may receive any or all of the awards during her tenure in Guiding. The bronze can be received by a Unit Guiders in her first year.</p>
Commissioner/ACL Award	The Commissioner/ACL Award is presented to commissioners and administrative community leaders (ACL) who: lead by example; actively welcome new Members and retain current Members; mentor adult Members; uphold the values of GGC; have gained the respect of Members, girls and parents. This award is granted by the council concerned and can be presented during a Member's tenure or upon retirement.
50 Years of Membership	Letters of recognition from the Chief Commissioner are sent to women with 50 years of Membership and every five years thereafter.

Other awards available at council, provincial, and national level remain unchanged from previous years. There is a new R.3 application form available on the website; and minimum of only two letters of support are required for each award except for the Beaver and the Red River Cart, which require a minimum of three letters of support.

Let's see how many awards can be handed out this year. It is recommended that 20 per cent of the Membership be recognized each year. Remember it takes quite a long time to process provincial and national awards so start thinking soon about who may be deserving of one of these awards. Deadlines are set by the Awards committee each year, please be familiar with these deadlines.

For complete information about recognition and awards, please visit <https://memberzone.girlguides.ca/Membership/Document%20Library/Resources/Module5-Awards.pdf>. This document includes everything you need to know about the awards process as well as samples for letters of support and how to fill out the new R.3 application form.