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| Bar to the Award for Merit nomination form | |
| The purpose of this form is to nominate an individual for an award. This form is used to collect personal data about you and the individual being nominated.  We take personal data privacy seriously. The data you provide is managed and carefully kept in line with our [**Data Protection Policy**](https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/policy/). This personal data may be shared with other relevant Scout members for the purpose of assessing the award nomination. Make sure the nomination form is only shared locally in accordance with the guidance below.  Details of successful awards will be uploaded to an individual’s Compass record and published annually on [**scouts.org.uk/awards**](https://members.scouts.org.uk/awards). The UK Headquarters Awards Team will share relevant data with other UK Headquarters teams for appropriate national event invitations.The UK Headquarters Awards Team will also securely store (electronically) the details for one year from the end of the awarding process (or longer if required for national event invitations),before they’re passed to the UK Headquarters Heritage Team for their records. Local nomination forms should be kept for 12 months in line with UK Headquarters timeline, and securely destroyed after this period. This is in case they’re needed for further queries from the Awards Team. | |
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Once the form is completed by the nominator

**Branches**

* If the nominee is a District Commissioner - Branch, or their primary appointment is in a District/Branch, this form should be sent to the relevant Branch Commissioner for support (Supporter’s details), then to the Lead Volunteer of the Branches for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a Branch Commissioner, this form should be sent to the Lead Volunteer of the Branches for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is the Lead Volunteer of the Branches, this form should be sent to the Chief Volunteer for International for a decision (Approver’s details).

**British Scouting Overseas**

* If the nominee holds their primary appointment in a Group/District, this form should be sent to the relevant District Commissioner for support (Supporter’s details), then to the Area Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a District Commissioner, this form should be sent to the Area Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is an Area Commissioner, this form should be sent to the Chief Volunteer for International for a decision (Approver’s details).

**England/Wales**

* If the nominee holds their primary appointment in a Group/District, this form should be sent to the relevant District Commissioner for support (Supporter’s details), then to the relevant County/Area Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a District Commissioner, or their primary appointment is in a County/Area, this form should be sent to the relevant County/Area Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a County/Area Commissioner, this form should be sent to the relevant Region Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a Region Commissioner, this form should be sent to the relevant Country Chief Volunteer for a decision (Approver’s details).

**Headquarters staff**

* If the nominee is a UK Headquarters staff member, this form should be sent to the relevant member of the Executive Leadership Team (UK Headquarters) for support (Supporter’s details), then to the Chief Executive Officer (UK Headquarters) for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a Country Headquarters staff member, this form should be sent to the lead staff member (Country Headquarters) for a decision (Approver’s details).

**Headquarters volunteers**

* If the nominee is a national volunteer, this form should be sent to the relevant member of the UK Leadership Team or the Chair of the relevant UK Board Subcommittee for support (Supporter’s details), then to either the UK Chief Volunteer or the Chair/Vice Chair of the UK Trustee Board for a decision (Approver’s details).

**Northern Ireland/Scotland**

* If the nominee holds their primary appointment in a Group/District, this form should be sent to the relevant District Commissioner for support (Supporter’s details), then to the relevant County/Region (Scotland) Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a District Commissioner, or their primary appointment is in a County/Region (Scotland), this form should be sent to the relevant County/Region (Scotland) Commissioner for a decision (Approver’s details).
* If the nominee is a County/Region Commissioner, this form should be sent to the relevant Country Chief Volunteer for a decision (Approver’s details).

**Notes**

* Commissioners can delegate the decision making process to a Deputy or their Local Awards Advisory Group.
* Contact details are available from the **Scout Support Centre (support@scouts.org.uk).**

Nominee’s details

Please note: The 'Name' listed on Compass (not 'Known As') is used for certificate printing so if a 'Name' amendment is required please email this request to [awards@scouts.org.uk](mailto:awards@scouts.org.uk).

**Membership number Click/tap here to enter membership number**

**Name Click/tap here to enter name (Forename Surname)**

**Location: County/Area/Region (Scotland) or Region or National SASU or Country: Select location**

**Location District Select Location**

**Award nomination** Bar to the Award for Merit

**Award preference Select preference**

Nominator’s details

A minimum of **one nominator** and **one approver** (who are different individuals) must provide support for this nomination before the award decision is submitted to UK Headquarters.

A nomination for this award can be initiated by anyone but then must be approved by the relevant individual as laid out in the ‘Once the form is completed by the nominator’ section.

**Membership number (if relevant) Click/tap here to enter membership number**

**Name** **Click/tap here to enter name (Forename Surname)**

**Email** **Click/tap here to enter email address**

Checklist

The nominator must check the below boxes to confirm the individual being nominated meets the following criteria:

The nominee holds a volunteer appointment as a member or associate member of the Scouts.

The nominee has enough service for the award they’re being nominated for:

* Bar to the Award for Merit requires a further five years of outstanding service after receiving the Award for Merit.
* (Roles that don’t accrue service can’t be counted for this.)

The nominee has a valid disclosure (if relevant for their active roles).

The nominee hasn’t received a Good Service Award in the last five years.

The nominee doesn’t already have the award they are being nominated for.

The nominee has completed all mandatory training (including Wood Badges) relevant to all active roles (or is within three years of appointment to the active roles).

* If the nominee was previously awarded a Wood Badge for the same role as one of their active roles, Compass must be updated to reflect the training of the active role as being up-to-date.

(If relevant) The nominee has the correct previous Good Service Award for the award they’re being nominated for:

* Bar to the Award for Merit requires the nominee to have received the Award for Merit.

Nominee’s previous awards

Please list the **most recent** previous awards achieved by the nominee. (This information can be found on their Compass record).

**Type of award Name of award Date**

**Length of Service Award Select award Select or click/tap here to enter date**

**Good Service Award Select award Select or click/tap here to enter date**

**Other awards received in the last 12 months**

If the nominee has received a Commissioner’s Commendation, a Meritorious Conduct/Gallantry Award, the Cornwell Scout Badge or a Chief Scout’s Personal Award in the last **12 months**, you must provide a brief explanation as to why the previous award was given, because two different Scouts awards shouldn’t be awarded for the same accomplishments.

Click/tap here to enter text

Nominee’s previous/current roles

To ensure the relevant approvers can make an informed decision on this nomination, please provide a screen shot of the nominee’s **current** and **previous** adult appointments as listed on Compass.

**Click/tap the placeholder below to add the required image**



Citation concerning the nominee

Provide a detailed summary below explaining, with examples, what the nominee has achieved in their roles. Citations should be based on fact and the personal data given should be limited to only what’s necessary to make the nomination. (For guidance on citation writing, please visit [scouts.org.uk/awards](https://members.scouts.org.uk/awards).)

### Main role in Scouts

**Outline what this role involves and the time commitment the nominee puts in.**

Click/tap here to enter text

### Service in addition to their main role in Scouts

**Outline what’s involved in any other roles in Scouts and the time commitment the nominee puts in.**

Click/tap here to enter text

### Key achievements

**Outline specific achievements and impact of the nominee since their last Good Service Award. Examples could include how they’ve: helped grow membership, raised funds, managed large projects or rebuilt their headquarters, etc. Please quote specific figures where possible.**

Click/tap here to enter text

### Level of service

**Where a previous Good Service Award is held, please outline whether the nominee has continued to provide service at a similar level or whether you believe the quality/complexity of their service has substantially increased and why.**

Click/tap here to enter text

### Community involvement

**Outline any involvement that the nominee has with other organisations since their last Good Service Award. Highlight if this involvement has directly benefitted Scouts.**

Click/tap here to enter text

### Any other relevant information

Click/tap here to enter text

Click/tap the placeholder below to add an image (if relevant)



Supporter’s details (if required)

Only those with a role listed in the dropdown list below may need to support the nomination before it is sent on to the approver. **Please refer to ‘Once the form is completed by the nominator’ section for clarification on who this is**.

If nominee has roles in multiple locations, I’ve consulted the relevant line manager(s) before reviewing the form.

**Membership number Click/tap here to enter membership number**

**Name Click/tap here to enter name (Forename Surname)**

**Role Select role**

Click/tap here to enter supporting statement

**Signature** **Click/tap here to enter name (Forename Surname) as your signature**

**Check the box to authorise the form**

**Date Select or click/tap here to enter date**

By entering your name and checking the box above, you authorise this form. If a fraudulent nomination is submitted, the matter will be drawn to a suitable line manager’s attention who will be advised to take appropriate action.

Approver’s details

A minimum of **one nominator** and **one approver** (who are different individuals) must provide support for this nomination before the award decision is submitted to UK Headquarters.

Only those with a role listed in the dropdown list below can approve the nomination. **Please refer to ‘Once the form is** **completed by the nominator’ section for clarification on who this is.**

If nominee has roles in multiple locations, I’ve consulted the relevant line manager(s) before reviewing the form.

**Membership number Click/tap here to enter membership number**

**Name Click/tap here to enter name (Forename Surname)**

**Role Select role**

**Signature** **Click/tap here to enter name (Forename Surname) as your signature**

**Check the box to authorise the form**

**Date** Select or click/tap here to enter date

By entering your name and checking the box above, you authorise this form. If a fraudulent nomination is submitted, the matter will be drawn to a suitable line manager’s attention who will be advised to take appropriate action.

If this award is successfully approved and processed by UK Headquarters, and you become aware that the award holder does not wish for their name to be included on the published [**Roll of Honour**](/%7blocalLink:umb:/document/625328777c144fc6b24a8254171c650b%7d), please ask them to make the UK Headquarters [**Awards Team**](mailto:awards@scouts.org.uk) aware of this asap.

Once approved, submit award decision to UK Headquarters using the [**Good Service Award completion form**.](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e1dfb54bf60c475c909fb9a506c6e157)

Award decisions made locally are processed by the UK Headquarters Scout Awards Team on a quarterly basis. Please see **scouts.org.uk/awards** for further details relating to the timescales.