

Chapter 11

Awards and Recognition of Service

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Rule 11.1 Applications for Awards and Recognition of Service

- a. Applications for Scout awards and recognition of service are initiated by a District or County Commissioner.
- b. Application forms, as listed below, detail the necessary qualifications and the administrative procedure and may be obtained by these Commissioners or by District or County Secretaries from the Scout Information Centre or visit www.scouts.org.uk/awards
 - *Form TSA06/GS* - Application for Award for Good Service to the Movement and Chief Scout's Personal Award;
 - *Form TSA07/CGM* - Application for Cornwell Scout Badge, Gallantry or Meritorious Conduct Awards;
 - *Form TSA05/L* - Application for Chief Scout's length of service awards.
- c. Before completing an Application Form, District and County Commissioners are advised to consult the guidelines *Applying for Decorations and Awards*, available from the Scout Information Centre or visit www.scouts.org.uk/awards

Rule 11.2 The Cornwell Scout Badge

- a. The Cornwell Scout Badge is awarded in respect of pre-eminently high character and devotion to duty, together with great courage and endurance.
- b. It is restricted to Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Scout Network Members.
- c. Both the bronze badge and the cloth emblem of the same design may be worn.

Rule 11.3 Awards for Gallantry

- a. Awards for gallantry are for acts which would normally include an element of personal risk.
- b. Awards for gallantry are made by the Chief Scout, who is advised by the Awards Board, to Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network Members, Scout Active Support Members, Adult Leaders, Section Assistants, Skills Instructors, Administrators, Advisers and Honorary Scouters.
- c. The Gilt Cross, with a blue and red vertically patterned ribbon and emblems or brooches corresponding to them, is awarded for gallantry in circumstances of moderate risk.
- d. The Silver Cross, with a blue ribbon and emblems or brooches corresponding to them, is awarded for gallantry in circumstances of considerable risk.
- e. The Bronze Cross, with a red ribbon and emblems or brooches corresponding to them, is the highest award of the Association for gallantry, granted for special heroism or action in the face of extraordinary risk.
- f. A Bar may be awarded to the holder of any gallantry Cross for further acts of gallantry in circumstances of similar risk.

Rule 11.4 Awards for Meritorious Conduct

- a. Awards for meritorious conduct are made by the Chief Scout, who is advised by the Awards Board, to Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network Members, Scout Active Support Members, Adult Leaders, Section Assistants, Skills Instructors, Administrators, Advisers and Honorary Scouters.

- b. Awards are made for conduct involving a high degree of courage, endurance, initiative or devotion to duty, often under suffering, without necessarily involving any element of risk.
- c. A Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct medal, on a green ribbon with a blue vertical stripe and emblems or brooches corresponding to them, is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard.
- d. The Medal of Meritorious Conduct, on a green ribbon with a red vertical stripe and emblems or brooches corresponding to them, is awarded for meritorious conduct of an exceptionally high standard.
- e. A Bar may be awarded to the holder of a Medal of Meritorious Conduct for further acts of comparable outstanding conduct.

Rule 11.5 Awards for Good Service

- a. Awards for good service are made by the Chief Scout, who is advised by the Awards Board, to adult Members or Associate Members and, exceptionally, to others who have given valuable service to Scouting over a considerable period.
- b. *This rule is intentionally left blank.*
- c. *This rule is intentionally left blank.*
- d. A Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service, with a white and yellow knot cloth emblem and a brooch of similar design, is awarded for good service while holding adult appointments for a period of not less than five years.
- e. The Award for Merit, formerly the Medal of Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon and emblems or brooches with a green knot, would normally be awarded after a period of not less than 12 years, but exceptionally after 10 years of outstanding service while holding adult appointments.
- f. The Bar to the Award for Merit, formerly the Bar to the Medal for Merit, worn with a green neck ribbon with a vertical yellow stripe and emblems or brooches with a green knot and yellow fleur-de-lys, may be awarded after not less than five years of further outstanding service while holding adult appointments.
- g. The Silver Acorn, worn on an orange ribbon around the neck, and emblems or brooches with an orange knot is awarded for specially distinguished service for a period of not less than twenty years.

- h. A Bar to the Silver Acorn, denoted by the substitution of an orange ribbon with a green stripe, and emblems or brooches with an orange knot and green fleur-de-lys may be awarded after not less than five years further distinguished service.
- i. The Silver Wolf, worn on a green and yellow ribbon around the neck, and emblems or brooches with a yellow and green knot is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, awarded for service of the most exceptional nature.

Rule 11.6 Chief Scout's Personal Award

The Chief Scout's Personal Award, with a green arrowhead badge superimposed on a gold circular background on a dark green cloth emblem or brooch, is awarded by the Chief Scout, in consultation with the Awards Board to recognise achievement not covered by the criteria for any other awards. It may be accompanied, where appropriate, with a suitable commemorative item

Rule 11.7 Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards

- a. Service in the Association is recognised by the Chief Scout's Length of Service Award at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 year Intervals. A certificate and either a cloth emblem or brooch with a white knot and corresponding green number is available to all Members and Associate Members of the Association.
- b. Qualifying service for the above awards need not be continuous.
- c. Any service given while holding an adult appointment whilst a member of the UK Scout Association counts towards service. This includes service such as Secretary, Executive Member etc. However, this does not cover service whilst in a youth role such as Scout Network or previously Rover Scout (or Mate) or service as an Occasional Helper. However, if a qualifying adult appointment was held concurrently, that service would count.
- d. Overseas service with another Scout Association does not count towards service. However, active service whilst part of British Groups Abroad or British Scouts Western Europe is recognised.

Rule 11.8 Emblems and Certificates of Awards

- a. When the insignia of a Scout award is not worn with uniform, it is represented by a brooch with the same design as the cloth emblem.

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- b. The award of a Bar to a Good Service Award is indicated on the emblem or brooch by the arrowhead brooch superimposed over the centre of the knot design.
 - c. The arrowhead is green for the Bar to the Silver Acorn and gold for the Bar to the Award for Merit.
 - d. All awards are accompanied by a certificate.

Rule 11.9 Thanks Badge

- a. The Thanks Badge is the means of expressing the appreciation of the Association to those who are not Members or Associate Members but who have been of service to Scouting.
- b. The metal badge is for wear with ordinary clothes and does not confer Membership or Associate Membership of the Association on the recipient.

Rule 11.10 Conferment of the Title 'Honorary Scouter'

- a. The title 'Honorary Scouter' may be conferred by Headquarters on a Leader, Manager or Supporter who retires and who has completed at least ten years dedicated service across those appointments.
- b. Following the cancellation of all Leader, Manager and Supporter appointments, a recommendation for the conferment of the title may be made on *Form TSA06/GS* by a District or County Commissioner in respect of Leaders.
- c. In the case of Commissioners and County Scouters - other than County Commissioners - the recommendation should be made by the County Commissioner.
- d. The title does not carry any entitlement and there is no requirement to pay the Headquarters, County, District or Group Membership Subscriptions if the 'Honorary Scouter' is not otherwise a Member or Associate Member of the Association.
- e. The appointment will be held in abeyance during the currency of any Leader, Manager or Supporter appointment, but will revive automatically on its termination.

Rule 11.11 Method of Wear

For the method of wear of Scout awards see Chapter 10.