

Chapter 11

Awards, Decorations and Recognition of Service

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Rule 11.1 Applications for Awards, Decorations and Recognition of Service

- a. Applications for Scout awards, decorations 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:
 - *Form GS* - Application for Award for Good Service to the Movement;
 - *Form CGM* - Application for Cornwell Scout Badge, application for Award for Meritorious Conduct and application for Award for Gallantry;
 - *Form L* - Application for Service Certificate and Long Service Decoration.
- 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.

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 and Scout Network Members separately and Explorer Scout Units and Scout Networks collectively, Scouters, Helpers and Skills Instructors, Administrators, Advisers and Honorary Scouters.
- c. The Chief Scout's Commendation for Gallantry, with a blue and white cloth emblem or brooch may be awarded for acts of gallantry in circumstances of less risk than that specified for the award of a Cross.
- d. The Gilt Cross, with a blue and red vertically patterned ribbon, is awarded for gallantry in circumstances of moderate risk.
- e. The Silver Cross, with a blue ribbon, is awarded for gallantry in circumstances of considerable risk.
- f. The Bronze Cross, with a red ribbon, is the highest award of the Association for gallantry, granted for special heroism or action in the face of extraordinary risk.
- g. 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 and Scout Network Members separately and Explorer Scout Unit collectively, Scouters, Helpers and 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, with a green and blue knot cloth emblem or brooch, is awarded for meritorious conduct where the award of a Medal or Certificate would be inappropriate.
- d. The Certificate of Meritorious Conduct, with a green and white knot cloth emblem or brooch, is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard.
- e. The Medal of Meritorious Conduct, on a green ribbon with a red vertical stripe, is the highest award for meritorious conduct.
- f. 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. The Chief Scout's Personal Award, with a green arrowhead badge superimposed on a gold circular background on a dark green cloth emblem, is awarded personally by the Chief Scout to uniformed Leaders or Explorer Scouts or Scout Network Members who have played an outstanding role in an official visit by the Chief Scout to a County, District or Group.
- c. It is particularly designed for those who, due to length of service or age, do not qualify for any other award for good service.
- d. A Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service, with a white and yellow knot cloth badge and a brooch of similar design, is awarded for good service while holding adult appointments for a period of not less than seven years.
- e. The Medal of Merit, with a green ribbon, is awarded after a period of not less than 15 years of outstanding service while holding adult appointments.
- f. A Bar to the Medal of Merit, with a green ribbon with a vertical yellow stripe, 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, 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, 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, is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout, awarded for service of the most exceptional nature.

Rule 11.6 Service Certificates and Long Service Decorations

- a. Five and ten year Service Certificates are awarded to Members and Associate Members of the Association who have given, respectively, five and ten years service while holding adult appointments.
- b. The Certificates are not accompanied by any insignia or emblem.
- c. The Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members of the Association who have given 15 years service while holding adult appointments.
- d. A Bar to the Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a green arrowhead badge superimposed on a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members of the Association who have given a total of 25 years service while holding adult appointments.
- e. The Chief Scout's Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a red arrowhead badge superimposed on a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members who have given a total of 40 years service while holding adult appointments.
- f. Qualifying service for the above certificates and decorations need not be continuous.

Rule 11.7 Emblems and Certificates of Awards

- a. When the insignia of a Scout award or decoration is not worn with uniform, it is represented by an emblem having a knot design in appropriate colours.
- b. The award of a Bar to any award or decoration is indicated on the emblem by the arrowhead badge superimposed over the centre of the knot design.
- c. The arrowhead is green for the Bar to the Silver Acorn and Long Service Decoration, and gold for all other awards.
- d. All awards are accompanied by a certificate.

Rule 11.8 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.
- c. The Thanks Badge is available in a larger size mounted on a plaque for presentation, under the same arrangements, to clubs, societies, business houses, etc.

Rule 11.9 Conferment of the Title 'Honorary Scouter'

- a. The title 'Honorary Scouter' may be conferred by Headquarters on a Leader or Commissioner warrant holder who retires and who has completed at least ten years outstanding warranted service.
- b. Following the cancellation of all warranted appointments, a recommendation for the conferment of the title may be made on *Form 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 warranted appointment, but will revive automatically on its termination.

Rule 11.10 Method of Wear

- a. For the method of wear of Scout awards and decorations see Chapter 10.