

# WAGGGS AWARDS

## Policy

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The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts provides awards which recognize and honour members and others who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting or for the benefit of girls and young women in a global society.

## Rationale

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It is the duty of the World Board to assist 'Members of the World Association and those working towards Membership in the development and extension of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting, (WAGGGS Constitution and Bye-Laws. Article VII Section 5. c).

As well as giving recognition to individuals or groups of individuals who have made a real contribution to the lives of girls and young women, the awards can also: publicize the work of WAGGGS to an internal and external audience; raise the profile of WAGGGS by association with distinguished people; provide potential avenues to donors and people of influence; and demonstrate the successes of WAGGGS, engendering pride in its achievements.

## Procedure

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The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts presents six awards:

- World Citizenship**
- Women of Outstanding Achievement**
- Young Woman of the World \***
- WAGGGS' Medal**
- Olave Award \***
- FAO-WAGGGS' Nutrition Medal \***

*\* Nomination forms for the awards are available from the World Bureau. All other awards can be applied for by writing a maximum of 400 words on why the nominee meets the selection criteria.*

# World Citizenship Award

## Object

The World Citizenship Award is presented to persons who, in the opinion of the World Board, have made an outstanding contribution to the building of a better world.

## Description

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## Criteria

- The Award should be made to individuals currently outside the Movement at the time of nomination, who have contributed to a better world in at least one of the aspects of the **Building World Citizenship theme**:

**Peace**  
**Education**  
**Food and Nutrition**  
**Environment**  
**Health**  
**Culture and Heritage**

- The individual should have:
  - made an outstanding contribution toward building world citizenship that is acknowledged across the world;
  - demonstrated leadership;
  - been a role model for young people;
  - used her or his position to work towards bringing people together across political, religious, economic or social divides.

## Selection Process

- Members of the World Board and its Committees may submit nominations for the Award.
- The World Board will consider the nominations and approve the Award.
- Between Board meetings, additional nominations may be submitted to the Chairman's Team for urgent consideration. The World Board will consider these nominations, and approve the Award by correspondence.

- The Member Organization of the country in which the honoree resides will be consulted as soon as the World Board has approved the Award

## Presentation

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- The Award will be presented as often as is warranted
- A member (voting or ex officio) of the World Board will present the Award at an appropriate occasion or event. Representatives from the appropriate Member Organization will usually be involved in the presentation.

# Women of Outstanding Achievement Award

## Object

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The Award encourages Member Organizations and Regions to:

- Recognize current and former Girl Guides/Girl Scouts who stand out as models in their chosen professional/volunteer work, thus giving honour and prestige to WAGGGS and its Member Organizations.
- Honour women, (who may or may not be Girl Guides/Girl Scouts), who have achieved much in the promotion of women's rights.
- Honour women in business organizations and world agencies who establish policies and take action to advance the status of women.
- Seek, identify, recognize and honour women who consistently and effectively use their resources, talents and influence to help other women achieve their potential.
- Honour women who have contributed their time and expertise to alleviate poverty through community projects.
- Honour women who have acted as advocates for the rights of the child.

## Description

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Plaque and certificate

## Criteria

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A candidate should live or work within the territorial limits of the nominating Member Organization and meet at least eight of the following criteria:

- Has made an outstanding contribution as a volunteer in her professional capacity for a significant period – at least 10 years.
- Be recognized as a woman of exemplary character, and integrity.
- Has outstanding leadership skills.
- Used her leadership position to broaden avenues of opportunity for women in her area of responsibility.

- Has worked for the elimination of economic, legal, social, political or other discrimination against women.
- An outstanding role model to other women.
- Has worked to reduce the economic dependency of women.
- Has initiated programmes to meet the special needs of women.
- Has contributed to the improvement of women's status in society.
- Has surmounted adverse difficulties.

## Selection process

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- Member Organizations may submit nominations.
- The Regional Committee will consider the nominations and approve the Award.

## Presentation

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- The Award is presented once every triennium per Region.
- A suitable ceremony will take place at Regional level, and the Award and certificate will be presented by an appropriate person.

# Young Woman of the World Award

## Object

The Award aims to recognize outstanding achievements of young women (under 30 years old) within Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting. The Award is presented at a Regional level, with each Regional winner being put forward for the World Award.

## Description

Award and Certificate.

## Criteria

The young woman must meet at least six of the following criteria:

- Must be a good ambassador for Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting and be positively identified with Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting
- Has given outstanding service as a volunteer to WAGGGS
- Is a strong role model for other girls and young women
- Consistently uses her resources, talents and influence to help other girls and young women to achieve their potential by motivating other girls and young women to volunteer and to succeed
- Advocates successfully on behalf of girls and young women
- Is successful, or making good progress, in her chosen profession, vocation, or studies in addition to her voluntary work
- Is recognized at national level for service to her community
- Has initiated and/or managed a project that has had an impact on society
- Has a leadership position in her community

## Selection process

This is a two-stage process: 1) to find the Young Woman of the Region, and 2) to find the Young Woman of the World

- Member Organizations may submit nominations to Regional Committees
- A regional selection committee (which must include young women) will consider the nominations and select the awardee
- The five Young Women of the Regions will automatically be nominated for the Young Woman of the World award

- The World Board and a panel of young women invited by the World Board will consider the five regional nominations and approve one World Award

## Presentation

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The Regional Award is given once a triennium to one young woman per Region. The World Award is given once a triennium

A suitable ceremony will take place at regional level for the Young Woman of the Region Award. The award will be presented by an appropriate person

A suitable ceremony will take place during the World Conference for the Young Woman of the World.

# Olave Award

## Object

The Olave Award honours the memory of the World Chief Guide in recognizing outstanding service to the community by a group of Brownies, Girl Guides, Rangers or Senior Girl Guides.

## Description

- A certificate presented to the selected unit;
- A metal badge, presented to each unit member involved in the achievement of the Award.
- A certificate of recognition given to all nominated units who are not recipients of the Award.

## Criteria

The following criteria should be able to be met by nominees:

- The service should be linked in some way to the belief held by the World Chief Guide to 'keep alive the spirit of service'.
- The service is carried out by a group (Six or Pack, Patrol or Company/Troop) of Brownies, Girl Guides/Girl Scouts, or Rangers/Senior Girl Guides.
- The outstanding service is to the community either in the group's own country or in another country.
- The service is given altruistically with no thought of recognition.
- The service is an outstanding achievement or sustained effort by the group, and not for individual fortitude or technical skill, which are normally recognized by National Awards.

## Selection Process

- A panel of five judges with a knowledge of WAGGGS, will serve a three-year period, having been appointed by the Strategies for Growth Committee to represent the WAGGGS' Regions.
- Entry forms will be sent to Member Organizations in the September following a World Conference. The closing date for entries is the September preceding the next World Conference.

- The application is made to the National Headquarters on behalf of the group and without its knowledge.
- Supporting recommendations from persons within or outside the Movement should be attached.
- In each triennium, a Member Organization may select one entry and forward it to the World Bureau.
- The entry should give:
  - A detailed account of the service rendered, stating the time spent, the extent to which all members were involved, origin of the initiative, and the technical skill required, etc.
  - Details of the background of the group, i.e. length of time in operation as a group, level of Guiding/Scouting and other relevant information
- On receipt, the Bureau sends one set of completed entry forms to the judging panel.
- The decision of the Judges is received along with their comments and a summary of each entry, and Member Organizations are informed of the Award.
- The World Bureau will arrange for presentation of the Badges and inscribed Certificates.

## Presentation

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- As many awards are presented each triennium as are warranted, to a maximum of one per Member Organization
- A Certificate, and the Badges will be sent to the Member Organization for presentation to the selected unit; a copy of the Certificate will be formally presented to the Member Organization of the selected unit at the World Conference.

# WAGGGS' Medal

## Object

The WAGGGS' Medal is given to express gratitude to selected leaders, members and non-members who have distinguished themselves in their unstinting service to Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting at both national and world levels.

## Description

Silver or bronze medal and individual citation.

## Criteria

The Medal is given to individuals for outstanding service to the Movement. It is awarded when the service is of such an exceptional nature that there is no other appropriate manner with which to honour the recipient. It can also be awarded to a man or woman outside the Movement who has given outstanding service to, and for the benefit of, WAGGGS. The silver medal is the highest accolade. The medal may be worn at any time.

## Selection process

- Members of the World Board and its Committees may submit nominations.
- The World Board will consider the nominations and approve the award of WAGGGS' Medals.

## Presentation

- The date and venue for presentation of the Medal is at the discretion of the World Board Chairman's Team. The WAGGGS World Board Chairman, or, if she is unavailable, a member of the World Board, will present the Award.

# FAO - WAGGGS' Nutrition Medal

## Object

The FAO - WAGGGS' Nutrition Medal is given to Member Organizations or groups within Member Organizations who work on nutrition-related projects. Each Member Organization can receive up to three Awards.

## Description

Medal and certificate

## Criteria

Nominees for the Award, which should be Girl Guide/Girl Scout groups who have completed or are working on a project in either food and nutrition education or food and nutrition improvement, and fulfill the following criteria:

- highlight the important role of women in nutrition improvement or nutrition education;
- further advance the nutrition-related work in which Girl Guides/Girl Scouts are involved throughout the world;
- promote activities to eradicate hunger and malnutrition.

## Selection process

- Application forms (available from the World Bureau) should be completed by the Member Organization or group responsible for the nutrition-related project.
- Member Organizations should verify group projects for suitability prior to submitting them to the World Bureau, along with any national projects, for judging.
- Each new project which meets the criteria may be considered for an Award.
- The Communications Committee will select successful applicants.
- Once a decision has been made, the Member Organization will be informed, and a medal and certificate will be sent to the Regional Committee Member, or Member Organization as appropriate, for presentation.

## Presentation

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- As many awards will be presented as are warranted to the Member Organization.
- The award should be presented on World Food Day in a ceremony organized by the Member Organization. If possible a representative from the Food and Agriculture Organization should be invited to make the presentation.