

Scouting & Guiding

The General's Award



Children
& Youth

Welcome to the Salvation Army's General's Award.

The General's Award is based on the International Scouting and Guiding Guidelines, and the UK Territorial Scout & Guide Advisory Board has approved the following syllabus for use in the UK.



Summary of the Award Scheme

There are 4 stages to the General's Award:



The Corps Officer's Award



The Divisional Commander's Award



The Territorial Commander's Award



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The first three stages are awarded by the Scout or Guide section leader.

You may want to consider the presentation of the Award and how you can foster integration with the wider corps by having them celebrate with you.

Whilst suggested ages are given for each Award – they can be awarded to any young person. Our recommended ages are included in this booklet.

The first three Awards are cloth badges and available at a small cost from the Children and Youth Department childrenyouth@salvationarmy.org.uk. An Invoice will be included when the badges are sent, with instructions on payment.

The fourth stage, the **General's Award** material will need to be presented in a folder to the Territorial Scout & Guide Advisory Board, once approval has been gained from the applicant's Scout or Guide section leader and Corps Officer.

Submitting the General's Award

When you are ready to submit your General's award work, email childrenyouth@salvationarmy.org.uk

The folder will then be presented to International Headquarters with the appropriate application form. The process is as follows:

- 1 IHQ receive an application form from the Territory with the name of the applicant, relevant details and signatures of relevant leadership.
- 2 IHQ make sure a certificate that says '**General's Award**' is signed by the General.
- 3 The certificate is then enveloped along with 2 badges (one metal pin and one fabric patch-no cost) and a signed letter. The envelope is addressed to the Chief Secretary of the recipient's territory.
- 4 The applicant's name is added to the Roll of Honour kept in the World President's Office

Award Syllabus



The Corps Officer's Award

Suggested for **Beavers** (aged 6-8) or **Rainbows** (aged 5-7)

- 1 Be able to recognise the Corps Officer and know their name and rank. Understand that he/she is a minister of religion and that the Salvation Army is a church as well as a charity.
- 2 Be able to recognise the YPSM / Children's Team Leader and know their name.
- 3 Take part in an act of worship (within the unit, corps, District etc).
- 4 Know that William Booth was the founder of The Salvation Army and list 3 facts about him.
- 5 Be able to colour in a picture of the Salvation Army flag.
- 6 Take part in an activity at the corps other than the weekly Scout or Guide meeting.



The Divisional Commander's Award

Suggested for **Cubs** (aged 8-10) or **Brownies** (aged 7-10)

- 1 Already hold the Corps Officer's Award or satisfy the Scout or Guide section leader that they have met the requirements of the Award.
- 2 Recognise the name and rank of 3 other positions in the corps (e.g. Bandmaster, Singing Company Leader, Primary Sergeant, Corps Sergeant Major) and know what their responsibilities are.
- 3 Know what each colour in the Salvation Army flag represents.
- 4 Identify and recognise the various symbols that make up the Salvation Army crest and know the motto.
- 5 Be able to talk about a favourite song (hymn), prayer or Bible story and say why they like it.
- 6 Write a prayer for a special occasion.
- 7 Understand what the following mean: Junior Soldier; Dedication; Mercy Seat; Promoted to Glory.
- 8 Help out at a corps event – this could be a regular activity such as feeding programme, coffee morning, or a one-off event such as a carol service.

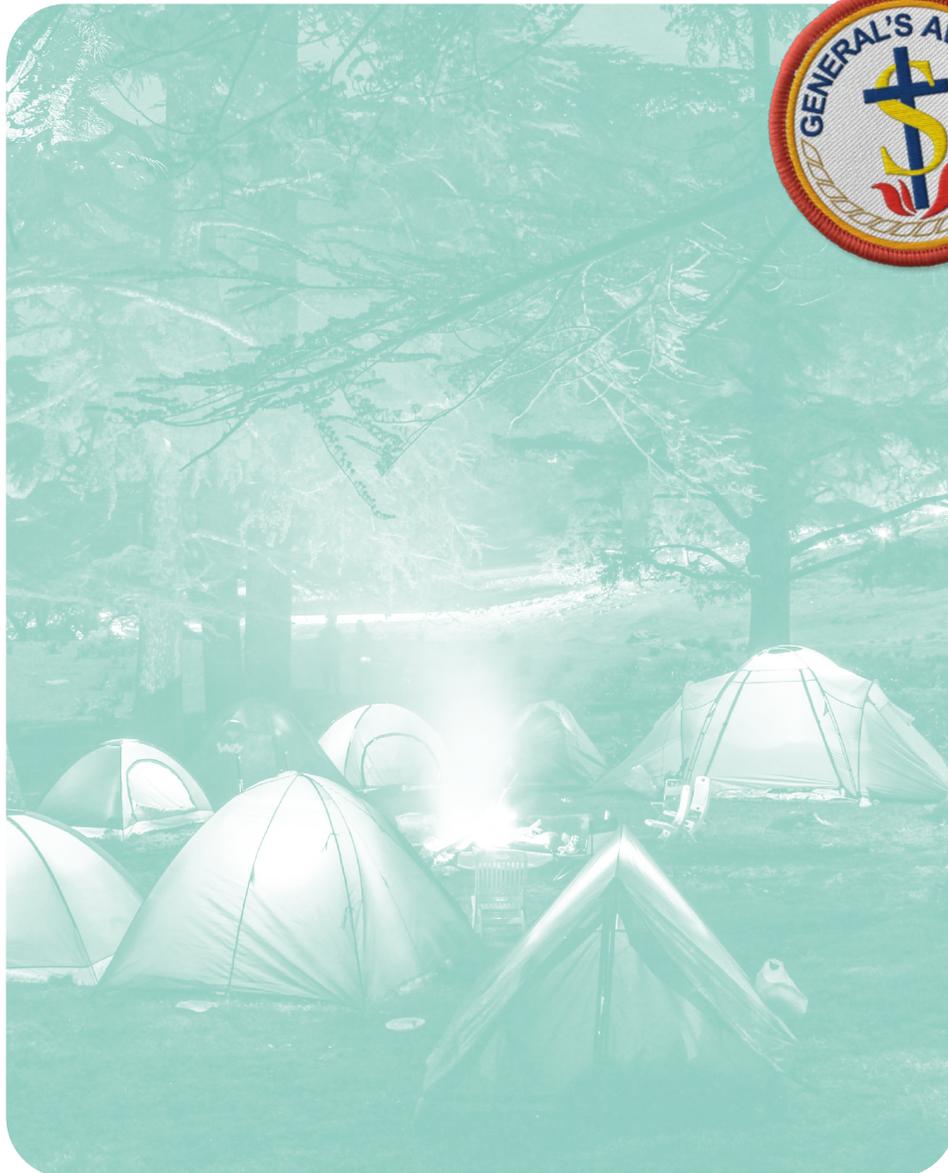




The Territorial Commander's Award

Suggested for **Scouts** (aged 11-13) or **Guides** (aged 11-14)

- 1** Already hold the Divisional Commander's Award or satisfy the Scout or Guide section leader that they have met the requirements of the Award.
- 2** Demonstrate an understanding of the founding of the Salvation Army by project or presentation.
- 3** Demonstrate an understanding of the work of the Salvation Army in another part of the world, by project or presentation.
- 4** Take part in an activity with another Scout/Guide unit (can be Salvation Army or not).
- 5** Make contact with and discuss the differences in Scouting or Guiding with a Salvation Army Guide or Scout from another country.
- 6** Organise a small event for your local Salvation Army corps (e.g. coffee morning, activity morning/afternoon, film night etc) either individually or as a group and donate the proceedings to a Salvation Army project.



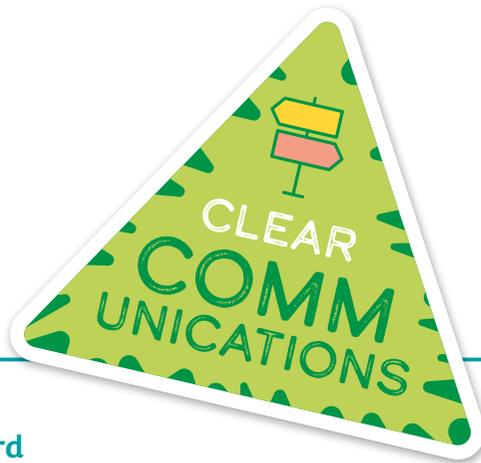
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For **Explorer Scouts** (14–18) and **Senior Section** (14–18).

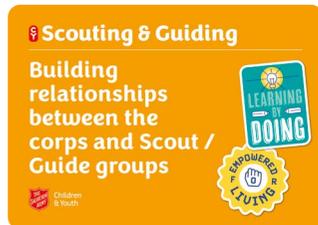
The applicant must:

- have been an active member of the Scout / Guide groups for at least 3 years.
 - be recommended by their Scout or Guide leader and Corps Officer.
 - complete the designated activities.
- 1** Discuss the following with the Corps Officer and include in their folder a letter from the Corps Officer to say this conversation has taken place.
- An understanding of the Pledge or Law and how they endeavour to keep it.
 - The importance of God in their life.
 - How the Scouting / Girlguiding Movement has contributed to their development as a person.
 - Their vision for the work of The Salvation Army in their town/area.

- 2 Plan and lead a 15-minute devotional period at a weekly group meeting or as part of a Sunday meeting or camp programme. Include notes in the Award folder.
- 3 Plan and carry out a social action/community project, alone or with members of their group, and present a report to the Scout / Guide section leader evaluating the project.
- 4 Gain the following badges or awards at the highest level in the Scouting / Girlguiding programme; these can have been gained as a Scout or Guide; take pictures of the badges gained with a label and include this in the Award file: 

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- The Territorial Leader's Award**
 - Bible Knowledge/Faith**
 - First Aid**
 - Health**
 - Ecology or Conservation**
 - 2 badges associated with life skills such as Camping Skills, IT, Sports, Cookery, Personal Safety, Survival etc**
 - 1 badge associated with service to others**
 - 3 additional badges of the applicant's choice.**

Other Scouting & Guiding resources:



Building relationships between the corps and Scout / Guide groups



Why have Scouting and Guiding at your corps?



Programme ideas to welcome your new Corps Officers

Digital versions of these resource are available by scanning the QR code to view the website; or you can email us on childreneyouth@salvationarmy.org.uk



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