

# **IOM Scout Association Awards Nomination Process**



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## 1. AWARDS

### 1.1 Length of service awards

Length of Service awards are just one way the Chief Scout shows gratitude for this service at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 year intervals (based on the start dates listed on Compass). Service need not be continuous.

All roles in [POR Chapter 16: Roles Tables](#) with a minimum membership category of 'Member' or 'Associate Member' are eligible for Length of Service Awards. All roles that are eligible count towards the length of service. This does not cover service held in a youth role including Scout Network, however, if an eligible role was held alongside these roles, this service would count.

The awards are produced automatically by UK Headquarters and sent out four times a year to District level (and above where relevant) unless otherwise specified.

### 1.2 Good Service Awards

Any adult member of the Scout Association can nominate an adult member or associate member for a Good Service award, however the GSL, who should have access to their group members' compass records and can therefore check whether necessary criteria are fulfilled, is probably the best person to forward a nomination.

## 2. ISLE OF MAN PROCESS FOR AWARD NOMINATION

The person who is nominating someone for an award should ideally check that all criteria are fulfilled (see section 3 below for requirements) then submit a written nomination to any member of the Awards Group (currently Bev Hewson, Steve White, Gordon Gledhill and Colin Brew).

A citation for the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service and the Award for Merit is not essential. However, it is helpful to include the reasons you wish to nominate this individual so it is easier for a decision to be made concerning the nomination. Please include a summary, with examples, about their role and achievements.

For the award of the Bar to the Medal of Merit and awards above this, a more detailed citation will be needed. Citations should be based on fact and the personal data given should be limited to only what is necessary to make the nomination. (For guidance on citation writing, please visit [scouts.org.uk/awards](https://scouts.org.uk/awards).)

Once the Awards Group has agreed that a nominee should receive an award the Island Commissioner is consulted and then the appropriate paperwork is completed and submitted for approval to HQ.

### 2.1 The Island Commissioner can approve:

- The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- The Award for Merit
- The Bar to the Award for Merit
- The Silver Acorn

### 2.2 Only the National Awards Advisory Group can approve:

- The Bar to Silver Acorn
- The Silver Wolf

- Gallantry awards
- Meritorious Conduct awards
- The Cornwell Scout Badge
- The Chief Scout's Personal Award

## 2.3 Timeline

There are four award decision submission deadlines throughout the year for these awards. These are

- 31 March
- 30 June
- 30 September
- 31 December

If approved awards are sent out to the Island Commissioner two months after these dates

## 3. NOMINATION CRITERIA

### 3.1 All Good Service award nominees must:

- Hold a volunteer appointment as a member or associate member of the Scouts.
- Have enough service for the award they're being nominated for.
- Have a valid disclosure (if relevant for their active roles).
- Have not received a Good Service award in the last five years.
- Not already have the award they're being nominated for.
- Have completed all mandatory training relevant to all active roles (or is within three years of appointment to the active roles). Please note: 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.
- Have the correct previous Good Service award (if relevant for the award they're being nominated for).

In addition, depending on the award there are required lengths of service as indicated in the next sections.

### 3.2 Lower Good Service awards

- The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service: Awarded in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out.
- The Award for Merit: Awarded for outstanding service. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period, of at least 12 years duration (exceptionally 10).
- The Bar to the Award for Merit: Awarded after at least five years of further outstanding service after receiving the Award for Merit.
- The Silver Acorn: Awarded after at least 20 years' service, which should be specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding.

### 3.3 Higher Good Service awards

- The Bar to the Silver Acorn: Awarded after at least five years of similarly distinguished service after receiving the Silver Acorn.
- The Silver Wolf: This award is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout.

It is only awarded for service of a most exceptional nature.

It is not normally awarded until at least a Silver Acorn has been previously gained and a further prolonged period of exceptional service has been achieved. In practice, it is rarely awarded for less than 30 years' service although, because it is the Chief Scout's unrestricted gift, no length of service is prescribed.