



The Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade Awards Policy

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Glossary of Awards

1. **Fortitude Award**
2. **Gallant Conduct Award**
3. **Christian Service Award**
4. **Governor's Commendation for Meritorious Service**
5. **Exemplary Service Medal**
6. **Brigade Cross**
7. **King's Honours (BEM, MBE, OBE etc)**

These awards are conferred to members and leaders via application to the 'Awards Committee'. The 'Awards Committee'; which comprises of the Governor, Deputy Governors, and the National Awards Officer will discuss each award individually and award upon unanimous agreement. Awards can be proactively nominated by the committee or upon a recommendation from a member/helper, Company OIC or Formation CO. The submission will be endorsed by the chain of command wherever possible. All cases must complete the CLCGB Awards Form (available from NHQ or the website) and be handled in strictest confidence and forwarded to National Headquarters for the attention of the Awards Committee. Nominations should never be discussed with or disclosed to the nominated recipient.

Outline Criteria

1. **Fortitude Award**

Awarded to any member who over a lengthy period has demonstrated tenacity and much personal courage in the face of adversity. Examples may be as a result of a lifetime special needs of some sort, or a result of some sickness or injury to the member.

2. **Gallant Conduct Award**

Awarded to any member who makes a deliberate and brave attempt to save the life of another person.

3. **Christian Service Award**

Awarded to any member who over a lengthy period has given outstanding service to the work of the Church and to others. This award must be seen as a demonstration to others of devotion to service on behalf of the church and community in addition to regular Brigade duties. Examples could include being church warden or Treasurer or assisting a parish related activity.

4. **Governor's Certificate for Meritorious Service**

This award is for all members of the Brigade. It recognises outstanding service to the organization above and beyond that one would expect of its members/helpers. Nominees: Young leaders who are having to leave due to University commitment who have made a significant commitment. Supporters who have made long term significant contribution to a project or section. Any leader who has gone above and beyond.

5. **Exemplary Service Medal**

This medal is awarded to any leader/helper for quality of service within a company or formation over a long period - normally a minimum of ten years since becoming



a leader. During the period the recipient will have demonstrated sustained commitment to the Brigade and to the Church at local level.

6. Brigade Cross

This is the Brigade's highest decoration and is awarded in recognition of exceptional service at regional or national level. The recipient will have demonstrated an outstanding degree of sustained commitment, example and leadership far beyond the ordinary; it will include Christian responsibility, extension and promotion of the Brigade and public service. It will not normally be awarded for working solely within a company or subordinate formation.

7. King's Honours (BEM, MBE, OBE etc)

A King's honour is a unique form of national recognition. It is a distinctive way of acknowledging someone's impact on UK life, whether someone who fundraises for a local cause or volunteers at the local school; or someone who promotes the economy or supports one of the Government's particular priorities. (You will be sent full guidance and details to aid your application once approved by the committee. Note such awards relating singularly to Brigade leaders should be made via the CLCGB Awards Committee and the application process will be fully supported by the National Awards Officer once initially approved).

Reasons for nomination/citation

The citation should be in narrative form and contained within one side of an A4 sheet. It should begin with a brief outline of personal details, such as the individual's record of service. Then highlighting their particular contributions to the Brigade and the Church including responsibilities and examples of specific achievements. This will allow the committee to fully assess the submission and to select the most appropriate award.

All awards, once approved, are sent to the local formation with accompanying certificate and a personal congratulatory letter. Both of which should be presented at an appropriate Brigade event.

