

The Queen's Guide Award

The Queen's Guide Award (QGA) is the highest award you can work towards in guiding. It gives you the chance to develop skills, whilst contributing to guiding and your local community at an impressive level. It is open to all members aged 16 to 25 (to be completed by your 26th Birthday). You have 3 years to complete or before your 26th Birthday, but don't worry you can take up to 1 year break, however, if you do anything in this time it won't count.

The Queen's Guide Award isn't just a great achievement to share with other members of Girlguiding. Potential employers and further education institutions will also be impressed with your accomplishment, which shows you have challenged yourself and achieved significant goals across a range of different disciplines.

The programme can also be matched with activities you are already doing in guiding, meaning you can get more than one award for the challenges you are taking on.

If you've taken part in [Action for Change](#), you can count your efforts towards the Service in guiding section of your Queen's Guide Award. Find out more on [our Action for Change pages](#).

What does it entail?

The award is based on the concepts of personal challenge and participation and is split into five sections.

- **Service in guiding** - take an active role in guiding at a range of levels.
- **Outdoor challenge** - build your teamwork and leadership skills in a glorious outdoor setting. Where you go and what you do is up to you!
- **Personal skill development** - start a new skill and develop it, or take an existing skill to a new level for a minimum of 60 hours over 12 months. A personal skill could be anything from ballet to circus skills, performing magic tricks to playing a musical instrument.
- **Community action** - get more involved with the world around you and gain a greater understanding of it through practical and research projects of your choice.
- **Residential** - spend two nights and three days away from home with new people.

Don't forget - if you are working towards your Gold [Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#) (DofE) you could do one residential to count towards both awards – you just need to make sure it's long enough! Check with both your Queen's Guide Award Coordinator and DofE Adviser to make sure you are fulfilling the requirements of both awards.