

## **The Silver Trefoil award**

The Silver Trefoil award is the highest award available in the Trefoil Guild and is a very special way of showing gratitude and recognition to a Trefoil member.

This prestigious award can be given to any member of the Trefoil Guild, any adult member of Girlguiding, or to a non-member who fulfils the criteria.

### **The Silver Trefoil award criteria**

The award is only given for nominees that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Providing a significant contribution or commitment over and above the call of duty in a Trefoil capacity.
- Using exceptional skills or providing outstanding service to the Trefoil Guild above and beyond what might be expected.
- Being an extraordinary inspiration across the Trefoil Guild or to the community through Trefoil.
- A display of great courage or fortitude.

This award is not given for length of service or for completing a term of office in the Trefoil Guild. It relates specifically to The Trefoil Guild and not Girlguiding service. If, however, the applicant also gives service to Girlguiding as a Trefoil member, then this should be explained in the application.

### **Application process**

The application form is available on the Trefoil website or through the Trefoil Guild office. Do talk to your county, country or region chair who can help you with this application. Should the application be for the country or region chair or if they are a member of the national team, TGIFC, the Internet guild or a national guild then please contact the national chair or Trefoil Guild office for support.

The application should be accompanied by at least 3, and no more than 5, references or supporting documents. This can be in the form of a letter or using the reference template.

Applications, which can be submitted from a Trefoil Guild member without the knowledge of the nominee or their family, are considered by a national panel.

All applications must be signed by the county chair and the country and region chair.

- Only complete applications which have been sent to the Trefoil office by the country or region chair will be considered

- The only exceptions are for nominations relating to members of the national team, TGIFC, the Internet guild and other national guilds which should be countersigned by the national chair via the Trefoil office
- The Trefoil office will notify applicants of the outcome of the panel after their meeting.
  - Should the application not be successful, they will explain why, and reapplications are welcome.
  - If the application is successful, the Trefoil office will:
    - record the award on KEY, the membership database if the nominee is a Trefoil Guild member
    - Supply the nominee's award and certificate with an invoice to the relevant country or region for the cost of the award
      - Those nominees who have a national role or are members of TGIFC, the internet guild or other national guild will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

### **Presentation of the award**

Ideally presented by the national, country or region chair, The Silver Trefoil award should be awarded to the nominee in a way that would make it special to that individual member. Although this could be at a large event, some members may prefer a smaller more private function with Trefoil friends and family – every member is different.