

# **FRIENDS**

## **Emblem for Adults working with the Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting/Guiding Programs**



### **Purpose**

The FRIENDS emblem is an adult recognition program sponsored by the Friends Committee on Scouting, a program of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas. The purpose of this program is to recognize outstanding contributions to the spiritual and social development of Young Friends through Quaker programs, and through the Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, or Girl Guiding programs.

### **Emblem**

The FRIENDS emblem incorporates an eight-pointed star, known as the *Quaker Star*, with a scriptural quotation central to Quaker beliefs, *A light that shines in the dark*. The red and black Quaker star dates back to work performed by English Friends during the Franco-Prussian War of 1872. It has long been associated with Quaker relief service worldwide. The scriptural passage comes from the first chapter of the Gospel of John, fifth verse. It refers to the light of God which shines in all humanity.

## **Eligibility**

The FRIENDS emblem may be presented to any adult working with the Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, or Girl Guiding programs. The emblem may be given to any recorded member or attender of the Religious Society of Friends, or to adults of other faiths rendering service to Young Friends through these programs.

## **Standards of Evaluation**

The following guidelines will be used to evaluate nominees:

1. Supports instruction and spiritual nurture in the family
2. Gives significant service to local Friends Meeting/Church, particularly in leadership positions
3. Demonstrates a Quaker example that is highly regarded by others in the local Friends Meeting/Church
4. Encourages youth to participate in Girl Scouting/Guiding or Boy Scouting as well as religious growth programs
5. Provides leadership in Boy Scouting or Girl Guiding/Scouting
6. Is recognized by leaders in Girl Scouting/Guiding and/or Boy Scouting as a person of exemplary character and integrity, consistent with Quaker values and heritage

*NOTE:* Work accomplished and dedication, rather than a specific number of years' service, should be the criteria for receiving this emblem. However, it is assumed that the nominee has a tenure of consistent service and intends to continue.

## **Review Procedure**

The following steps will be used to process a nomination for the FRIENDS emblem:

1. Upon receipt, the nomination will be checked for legibility and completeness. If deficiencies are noted, the nominator(s) will be contacted and asked to correct them. Processing will begin only when a nomination is complete.
2. The nomination is then sent to the Friends Emblem Review Committee for evaluation. If any additional information is needed, the Committee will request it. A recommendation to recognize or not recognize the applicant is subsequently made.
3. The nominator is notified of the Friends Emblem Review Committee's decision.
  - a) If the nominee is to be recognized, the nominator will be sent the award and certificate for presentation.
  - b) If the nominee is not to be recognized, the nominator will be sent a brief report outlining the reasons for the decision. The judgement of the Friends Emblem Review Committee is final. However, the nominator may resubmit the candidate's name at a later date.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

### **I. Letter of Nomination**

In a letter of nomination, describe concisely the candidate's service to the spiritual and social development of Young Friends through Quaker programs and through the Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, and/or Girl Guiding programs. A summary of not more than one hundred words in length should be attached on a separate sheet.

### **II. Resume of Candidate's Activities**

Submit a separate resume of the nominee's Meeting/Church and Girl Scout/Guide and/or Boy Scout involvement using an outline form. The following elements should be included:

1. Monthly Meeting/Church
  - a) Name and address of Meeting or Church
  - b) Name and address of Clerk/Pastor or local Meeting leaders
  - c) Service rendered and tenure in leadership positions
  
2. Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, and/or Girl Guiding Organization
  - a) Name and address of group(s)
  - b) Name and address of supervisor in the organizations(s)
  - c) Past and present leadership positions
  - d) Leadership training courses attended as learner and as instructor
  - e) Youth and adult awards received for service in the organization
  
- 3) Other Service Experience
  - a) Name and address of organization
  - b) Name and address of supervisor
  - c) Description of nature of service rendered
  
- 4) References
  - a) List two additional references from Month Meeting/Church who may be contacted to verify information sent.
  - b) List two additional references from Boy Scout and/or Girl Scout/Guide organization(s) who may be contacted to verify information sent.

### **III. Letters of Recommendation: Submit letters of recommendation from the following:**

1. Clerk/Pastor or other representative of either Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting, or national Quaker body of which candidate is a member or attender. List information on candidate's participation in worship life, programs and other service rendered.
  
2. Knowledgeable and influential adult at the local, regional, or national level of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada, Girl Guides of Canada, or any other Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting/Guiding organization in the Americas. Cite service of the candidate as an adult volunteer, training taken, and adult awards received.

# NOMINATION FOR FRIENDS EMBLEM

## **Nominee Information**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed exactly as it should appear on the certificate)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and/or Employer \_\_\_\_\_

## **Monthly Meeting/Church Information**

Monthly Meeting/Church \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk or Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **Agency Information**

Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting/Guiding position(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mailing Information:** Person to whom recognition items are to be shipped:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day contact) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Award Ceremony Planned \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHECKLIST:** All items listed below must be submitted to P.R.A.Y. before a nomination can be considered.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Two copies of completed nomination form (Please use this form as the cover for your nomination)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Two copies of the "Letter of Nomination" and supporting documents
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Two copies of "Resume of Candidate's Activities"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Two copies of "Letter of Recommendation" from either Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting, or national Quaker body
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Two copies of "Letter of Recommendation" from either local, regional, or national level Boy and Girl Scouting/Guiding organization
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Check for \$35.00 (US) payable to P.R.A.Y. A reimbursement of \$20 will be made if nomination is unsuccessful.