

Australian Red Cross National Awards

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Australian Red Cross values the tremendous contributions our members, volunteers and staff make as champions of humanity in bringing aid to vulnerable people and advancing the organisation's reputation and operations.

The Red Cross National Awards are a way to recognise special achievements by Red Cross People, with awards going to those who display exceptional leadership, service or performance through their contributions to Red Cross and the community.

Information about the nine national awards that members, volunteers and staff can be nominated for is provided here. Nominations can be submitted twice annually and **all nominations must be submitted to the State or Territory Awards Committee before going to the National Awards Committee.**

State and Territory committees traditionally meet three weeks before the national committee cut off dates. You can contact members@redcross.org.au to be put in touch with your State or Territory Awards Committee Secretary.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This is Red Cross' peak award for achievement, merit and service of the highest degree by a member. Only Red Cross service is relevant in the consideration of this award.

Ten years' service is generally regarded as a minimum period, although much longer terms usually apply in order to preserve the highest quality of service.

Devotion to Red Cross Principles, selfless humanitarian service to others, exceptional leadership and dedication to Red Cross are characteristic of those who receive the Honorary Life Membership award.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award recognises distinguished service to Red Cross. Only Red Cross service is relevant in the consideration of this award.

Members, volunteers or staff who receive this award must demonstrate exceptional leadership over a period of at least six years.

Nominees may include those who have served in an exceptional fashion at a local, regional, divisional or national level.

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OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award recognises outstanding service to Red Cross. Only Red Cross service is relevant in the consideration of this award.

Members, volunteers or staff who receive this award must demonstrate dedication to Red Cross principles, ideally over a period of at least six years. Evidence of leadership within Red Cross is not a requirement for this award.

Nominees may include people who have served in a commendable fashion at a local, regional, divisional or national level.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This award recognises meritorious service to Australian Red Cross. Nominees may include people who have given exceptional service during crises or disasters at any level.

Members, volunteers or staff who receive this award must demonstrate meritorious service of a definite, precise and outstanding nature to Red Cross, either in Australia or overseas, in a particular operation that is of limited duration.

Nominees may include people who have served in an exceptional fashion at a local, regional, divisional, national or international level.

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YOUTH MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This award recognises service of special merit by Red Cross people aged 29 years or less. Only Red Cross service is relevant in the consideration of this award.

Members, volunteers or staff who receive this award must demonstrate exceptional service in pursuit of effective youth engagement.

Nominees may include people who have served in a commendable fashion at a local, regional, divisional or national level.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

This award recognises service by Aid Workers who represent Red Cross Overseas. Only Red Cross service is relevant in the consideration of this Award.

Recipients of this award must demonstrate exemplary service of a commendable nature or over a lengthy period of time (exceeding 12 months) outside Australia carried out on behalf of Red Cross.

Nominees may include Aid Workers who have worked on Red Cross projects on one or more overseas field placements either in conflict relief, natural disaster relief or within a development project.

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DISTINGUISHED STAFF AWARD

This award is for the purpose of recognising the dedication and service of Red Cross staff. Only Red Cross service is relevant in the consideration of this Award and a period of at least three years is preferable but not essential.

In recognising the dedication and service of Red Cross staff, there must be evidence of exceptional leadership.

Nominees may include people who have given exceptional service at a local, regional, divisional or national level.

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DISTINGUISHED TEAM AWARD

This award recognises outstanding service to Australian Red Cross by a team of people (members, volunteers or staff) where it is more appropriate to grant the award to a group than an individual.

In recognising Team Service to Red Cross, there must be evidence of a very close relationship between the team, and service of an exceptional nature, which has greatly enhanced the work or reputation of Red Cross.

Nominations may include teams working at a local, regional, divisional or national level.

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HUMANITARIAN PARTNER AWARD

This award is for the purpose of recognising outstanding service to Red Cross by an external humanitarian partner.





In recognising the Red Cross Humanitarian Partner there must be evidence of a close relationship between the nominee and Red Cross over a substantial period and service of an exceptional nature, which has greatly enhanced the work or reputation of Red Cross.

Nominees may include Individuals, Corporations or Institutions who have served in an exceptional fashion. Examples can include schools, local and state government bodies or statutory corporations, small and large businesses.

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States and Territories may also offer awards to recognise tenure and service at a local level. These awards include (*but are not limited to*) Long Service Awards based on tenure, and Service Awards based on exceptional and unselfish devotion to duty. The criteria and nomination processes for Divisional Awards can be found by contacting the Executive Director's office in each State or Territory.

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