

## **National Girls Ministries Awards Policy for Parents Leading Children/Correspondence**

Badges and awards are effective motivators for girls. They provide incentive for completing a program and a sense of accomplishment upon completion. Awards are a means of encouraging girls to hide God's Word in their hearts. Achievement programs in a club setting provide a sense of belonging as girls work together. It is important to remember that badges and awards are a means, not an end. A big part of girls clubs is building mentoring relationships and because of this all national standardized awards must be earned under the leadership of a trained Girls Ministries leader in the club setting within a church. Parents are welcome to purchase Girls Ministries resources for use at home, however, we recommend using it only for discipleship, not to complete the achievement program.

Girls who wish to complete the requirements and earn the national standardized awards for a club may do so by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Girls must be involved in weekly club meetings. If a girl is unable to attend a meeting due to an illness or unforeseen circumstance, arrangements should be made with the Girls Ministries coordinator and club sponsor for her to make-up the requirements.
- Completion of clubs' requirements should be done in a supervised setting with a trained sponsor, not as correspondence or an independent project at home.
- Girls who wish to complete the requirements for previous clubs may do so only for the purposes of earning the Medals of Honor and must follow the guidelines put in place by National Girls Ministries. (View this policy at [ngm.ag.org](http://ngm.ag.org))

### **Additional Related Resources available at [ngm.ag.org](http://ngm.ag.org):**

Achievement Policy for Girls with Special Needs

Requirements for earning Adventure Badges

Girls Ministries Code of Conduct (for girls in Stars, Friends, and Girls Only)