

Standardized National Reviews and Leadership Training

The Honor Star, Friends Graduate, Girls Only Graduate, and Honor Sponsor Reviews are nationally standardized and should be completed in the local church under the direction of a review board in order to maintain the testing integrity.

The Review Board should:

- Consist of three Christian women in your church
- Not be related to or the sponsor of the girls being tested
- Verify that the *Activity Books /Journals/New Testament/Bible* reading are completed
- Grade the Review

The only acceptable reviews for recognition are the nationally standardized fill-in-the-blank reviews provided in the Girls Club curriculum and to district Girls Ministries directors. Districts should not require additional oral or written testing such as requiring girls to memorize additional Scripture verses above the stated number of required units for their club. Girls should not be tested over the Stars Honor Steps, nor should they require local groups to travel outside their local church for testing.

Celebrations

Churches who wish to may conduct a local Celebration under the direction of the local coordinator and the pastor as well as participate in district Celebrations.

District Awards

Certain districts have established district awards — such as college scholarships for honor graduates. Additional testing for such district awards is acceptable and left to the discretion of each district director; however, this testing should be related only to the individual district award and not the national certificates and awards.

Leadership Training

District leader training sessions are the preferred method for completing the *Girls Club Leader Training* course, however, in the event a district training is not offered, or the timing of said training does not coincide with a local church Girls Ministries schedule, or a new leader's starting date, churches may provide the training courses to their leaders to be completed by correspondence as indicated on page 5 of the *Girls Club Leader Training Guide*. Initiating a Girls Club ministry should not be impeded by missed district training sessions. These churches, however, should endeavor to attend the next scheduled district training.

Any deviation from the above stated guidelines for the national awards should be brought to the attention of the national Girls Ministries Department.

The desire of the national Girls Ministries Department is to maintain uniformity across the nation. Girls in one district should be required to complete the same work to earn the national awards as girls in another district. Leaders should not be required to attend a district training in order to obtain certification and begin working with the Girls Clubs in their church.