



**General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, International
Distinguished Service Medal**



GOLD

**Award Nomination
Instructions and Forms**

“Dignity does not consist in possessing honors,
but in deserving them.” - Aristotle

Revised 2021

AWARD CRITERIA

Distinguished Service Medal in Gold

A. ISSUE

Instituted in 1951, the Distinguished Service Medal in Gold is the most prestigious decoration awarded at the Triennium to individuals by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. The award recognizes consistent and extraordinary meritorious service over a period of years to the public and/or has consistently demonstrated exemplary contribution to Capitular Masonry well beyond expected performance, ingenuity, and resourcefulness.

B. INSTRUCTION

The depth and scope to warrant special recognition must be direct, profound and make an indelible impact in one of four meritorious categories: 1) Public Service; 2) Arts and Sciences; 3) Business Achievement; or 4) Royal Arch Masonry where other forms of recognition by GGCRAMI would be inadequate.

Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing may recommend award of the Gold Distinguished Service Medal in any one of the four indicated meritorious categories. Recommendations for award should be sent via U.S. Postal Service (hardcopy) with original signature(s) directly to the General Grand High Priest. An e-file may also be submitted in support or confirmation of receipt but must be accompanied by the original recommendation. A sample cover letter and recommendation form are provided for guidance but are not required to be submitted using the same form or format. However, all information must be included in the recommendation, and shall detail the nature of outstanding service and contributions that established a sustained impact in the categorial award field at the national or international level.

C. ELIGIBILITY

Honorees of the Gold Distinguished Service Medal are not required to be a member of any Masonic fraternal order, nor is a recipient required to have been previously recognized by award of the Silver Distinguished Service Medal or other Masonic decoration. However, an awardee must be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing if recognized for distinguished service to the Craft. Up to three (3) signed letters of support are welcomed to accompany the recommendation, but self-nominations in any meritorious category are not encouraged.

D. PRESENTATION

The General Grand High Priest will consult with the General Grand King and General Grand Scribe prior to approval of a received recommendation. However, the General Grand High Priest reserves the right to reject any, and all, recommendations, as well as make award one (1) Gold Distinguished Service Medal in one or more categories. Further, it shall be to the honor and privilege of the General Grand High Priest to present the Gold Distinguished Service Medal(s) at the Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter. Prior to presentation, the recipient's name shall be engraved on the bar supporting a red ribbon from which the medal is affixed. In the event an honoree is unable to attend the Triennial Session, the Gold Distinguished Service Medal shall be mailed to the address indicated by the honor, via the U.S. Postal Service from the office of the General Grand Secretary.



AWARD NOMINATION

Distinguished Service Medal - Gold

I. IDENTIFICATION

(Clearly PRINT or TYPE information)

Nominee Name: _____
(Full name as it appears on official records)

Jurisdiction: _____ **Rank/Title:** _____
(For Masonic Nominees only) (PGHP, PHP, etc.)

Awardee Name: _____
(Name honoree would prefer engraved on medal – limit 28 characters)

Mailing Address: _____
(Complete street address where medal should be mailed if not presented in person)

II. INSTRUCTIONS

*****Award Nomination MUST be received not less than 90 days before GGCRAMI Triennial Session*****

Companion Name: _____
(Royal Arch Mason offering nomination)

Email Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Complete street address for receipt of official correspondence.)

Special Presentation Request: _____
(Indicate special request/circumstances for medal presentation)

Letters of Support Attached: Yes No If Yes, How Many? _____

Endorsement: _____
(Signature) (Date)

III. CITATION

(Attach additional pages as necessary)