

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND GOLD BADGE**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**IN CONFIDENCE**

**Sub-Branch: …………………………**

To acknowledge outstanding service to the League undertaken by persons, both male and female, who are not members of the R.S.L., the National Congress may approve of the award of the Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge.

The State Branch will only recommend such an award in exceptional circumstances as the quota for the State is very limited in any one year.

Complete citations must be directed to the State President under confidential cover.

This is the highest R.S.L. Award for non-members and, on approval a recommendation by the State Congress; the presentation is usually made the following State Sub-Branch Conference.

It is the general practice for Sub-Branches to bestow permanent Honorary Membership of the Sub-Branch recipient.

The success of an application not only depends on the information contained in the application form, but the quality and quantity of citations and references attached to the application form.

**Nomination and Citation Guidelines**

Comprehensive details of services rendered must be submitted on the nomination form as attached, **supported by an appropriate citation**.

The Awards Committee will attach importance to:

(a) Extent to which self-sacrifice accompanied the service;

(b) Extent to which the RSL, ex-servicemen and women and/or dependents have been

aided;

(c) Length and place of service;

(d) Whether the nominee (if applicable) has held Office in a RSL Women’s Council, Auxiliary or Committee. State how long, where and when; and

(e) The quality of the nominating Sub-Branch (this does not relate to size, but to the spirit and loyalty of the Sub-Branch).

**State Branch Recommendation**

The decision to forward a nomination for the National Certificate of Merit with Gold Badge to the National Executive for approval will be made by the Awards Committee and State Board of the South Australian Branch and will be final.

Completed form to be sent marked as follows to: -

Nelda Aldrete

Administration

Returned & Services League of Australia

(South Australian Branch) Inc.

ANZAC House

Torrens Training Depot

Victoria Drive

Adelaide SA 5000

**NOMINATION FORM**

Nominating Sub-Branch: ………………………………………………………………

**Nominee’s Details**

Surname: ………………………………………………………………………………….

First Name: ………………………………………………………………………………..

Address: …………………………………………………………………………………..

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Date of birth: …………………………. Age: ………………………

Service given to Sub-Branch/es and applicable dates:

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Other voluntary service:

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**CITATION**

A one- or two-page citation should be inserted / attached to the nomination form