



Dear Idaho Job's Daughters and Adult Volunteers,

At Grand Session 2019, we will be presenting the second class of Idaho Gem Awards to deserving adult volunteers in our wonderful state. The time has come to prepare your nominations for those that you feel deserve consideration for this honor.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the official rules and regulations pertaining to the Idaho Gem Award. Please review them for full details on the specific criteria to be used, the nomination procedure, etc.

In general:

1. A nominee must not be eligible for the Degree of Royal Purple.
2. A nominee must be living, be thirty (30) years of age or older, and have been a Job's Daughter volunteer for three (3) years or more.
3. A nominee must have delivered outstanding service above and beyond that normally expected of a volunteer.

The nomination form which must be used is enclosed with this letter. Feel free to use additional sheets where needed to provide the information. In addition, each nomination must be supported with at least four (4) letters of recommendation. Please see the Rules and Regulations for details on the letters and other specific criteria.

Please remember that ALL nominations must be in the hands of the chairman, Jeremy Vaughn, by **FEBRUARY 15, 2019** in order to be considered. **Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.**

Please let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to another outstanding class of recipients.

Jobie Love,

Jeremy C. Vaughn, PAGG, Chair
Joseph Alexander, GIG, Gem
Bill Skerjanc, PAGG
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IDAHO GEM AWARD**ARTICLE I
TITLE****Section 1.**

- (a) An individual chosen to receive this honor shall be known as a recipient of the Idaho Gem Award.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECT****Section 1.**

- (a) The Idaho Gem is awarded in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service by an individual, female or male, to Jobs' Daughters International. It is intended to recognize an individual, female or male, who has given meritorious and unselfish efforts in assistance to and support of the Order, i.e. an outstanding contributor to the organization.

**ARTICLE III
QUALIFICATIONS****Section 1.**

- (a) To be nominated for the Idaho Gem Award, an individual, female or male, shall have made major contributions toward the good of the Order and or a specific Bethel.
- (1) She or he shall have accepted an appointment as a member of a Bethel Guardian Council and have made an outstanding contribution to the Council above and beyond the usual Council responsibilities.
- (b) Service to other Masonic organizations and to the community is support material only; specific criteria are for outstanding service to the Order.

**ARTICLE IV
ELIGIBILITY****Section 1.**

- (a) At the time of nomination, the nominee must be at least thirty (30) years of age.
- (b) The nominee shall not be eligible for the Degree of Royal Purple.
- (c) The nominee must be living at the time of nomination.

**ARTICLE V
NOMINATION AND SELECTION****Section 1. Nomination**

- (a) Nominations may be made by an individual's home Bethel or by a Bethel to which the individual has contributed outstanding service, without the knowledge of the nominee.
- (1) Members of a Bethel may recommend an individual to the Executive Members of the Bethel Guardian Council, without the knowledge of the nominee.
- (2) Current Members of the Grand Guardian Council of Idaho, Grand Council dues having been paid, may recommend an individual, without the knowledge of the nominee.
- (3) Nominee shall be made every other year, opposite the conferring of the Degree of Royal Purple.

- (b) Nominations shall include specific examples of outstanding service to the order. In addition to the nomination, at least four (4) written letters of recommendation shall be submitted.
 - (1) One (1) from a member or members of a Bethel OR
 - (2) Four (4) from adults who know the nominee personally.
 - [aa] One (1) may be from a relative and/or family member(s).
 - [bb] One (1) may be from a current Bethel Guardian Council member.
- (c) Nominations shall have been associated with a Bethel for not less than three (3) years.
- (d) Completed nomination and letters of recommendation must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee by February 15th of the conferring year.

Section 2. Selection

- (a) The members of the Committee shall review the nomination and references. A majority vote shall be necessary to approve (or disapprove) the nomination. The decision of the Committee shall be final.
- (b) The Chairman of the committee shall notify the sponsor(s) of its nominee(s) on or before March 15th of the conferring year.

ARTICLE VI CONFERRAL OF THE AWARD

Section 1.

- (a) The recipient shall receive the Idaho Gem Award during the formal opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council and the Grand Bethel of Idaho.
- (b) In the event it is impossible for the recipient to attend the formal opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council and the Grand Bethel of Idaho, the Committee with the approval of the Grand Guardian shall make other arrangements for the presentation of the Award.
- (c) The Chairman of the Committee will order the medallion by April 1st of the conferring year.
- (d) The Chairman of the committee shall cooperate with the Grand Bethel Chairman, who will oversee the Grand Bethel Officers in the conferring of the Award.
- (e) The Committee shall be responsible for providing the Grand Bethel Chairman with medallion(s) engraved with the recipient's name and year on the reverse side, rose(s), and certificate(s).
 - (1) Medallion(s) Rose(s), and certificate(s) shall be paid for by the Grand Bethel of Idaho.

ARTICLE VII IDAHO GEM COMMITTEE

Section 1. Members

- (a) The Committee shall be composed of three (3) members who shall be members of the Grand Guardian Council, one of whom shall be the Grand Bethel Chair who will confer with the Grand Bethel Honored Queen, the Miss Idaho Job's Daughter and the Grand Bethel Advisory Board, and after the first conferral shall include at least one (1) recipient.

Section 2. Duties

- (a) The duties of the Committee shall be:
 - (1) Publicize the Idaho Gem Award by distributing information to the Bethels and on the Idaho Website regarding the nomination process
 - (2) Distribute to each Bethel a nomination form and to see that the nomination form is placed on the Idaho State website.
 - (3) Receive nominations and recommendations from the sponsors by February 15th.

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- (4) Meet by March 1st to determine the recipient(s) of the Award in accordance with their eligibility as outlined in Articles III, IV and V.
- (5) Notify the proposer(s) by mail of the committee's decision regarding their nomination by March 15th.
- (6) Make arrangements for the conferral of the Award at the Formal Opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council and Grand Bethel of Idaho as outlined in Article VI.
- (7) Maintain a permanent file containing the names of the recipients, which the Chairman shall turn over to her/his successor.
- (8) Destroy all nominations, recommendation forms and ballots of those not receiving the Degree at the end of the Annual Session, returning nominations and recommendation forms to current year's recipients.
- (9) Submit a report at the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council.
- (10) Order medallion(s), by April 1st, rose(s) and certificate(s) and arrange for payment with the Grand Bethel of Idaho.

IDAHO GEM NOMINATION FORM

Name _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Bethel Council Positions held:

Grand Council Offices or Committee Positions held:

Outstanding contributions to Idaho Job's Daughters/Job's Daughters International:

Why do you and the people nominating this person feel that this individual is worthy to receive the Idaho Gem Award? Please type your answer to this question on a separate sheet and sign.

Name of person/Bethel nominating this person _____ Bethel No. _____

Phone (_____) _____