

Merit Bars for State of Rhode Island International Order of the Rainbow For Girls

Red- Attendance: 16 consecutive meetings. Excused absences must be arranged with the Mother Advisor in advance and the meetings must be made up. A note from the Mother Advisor of the Assembly visited must be given to your M.A.

Orange- Petition: Bringing in TWO new petitions (top line signer) This bar will be given after the girls are initiated.

Yellow- Music: If there is a choir - this bar is given after attendance at 12 consecutive meetings. (absences MUST be made up) If there is no choir in your assembly, this bar is given after singing with the Grand Choir at Grand Assembly and five other Grand Assembly functions. This bar may be presented in your own assembly after approval of the Grand Choir Director in writing to your Mother Advisor.

Green- Ritual: Successful completion of at least three different speaking parts. Careful study of ritual work. Dignity while exemplifying the work. Willingness to substitute. Poise while seated.

Blue- Charity: 25 hours of charitable work outside of the Assembly for your Church, the hospital, charitable organizations (Red Cross, Meeting St. School, etc) and help at functions for the Eastern Star or other Masonic Bodies. Helping other people such as the elderly, disabled, or the handicapped without compensation. This does not include babysitting for family, etc. as that is considered part of your family responsibilities.

Indigo- Offering: Raising a sum of not less than \$10.00 (Ten) and giving it to your Assembly.

Violet- Service: 25 hours of service to the Assembly such as working on projects, helping set up the Assembly room. Most willing to help in anything she is asked to do. Special outstanding service when asked to do something that will benefit the Assembly or a member of the Assembly. Helping at all meetings. Conduct and leadership.

When a girl has earned all 7 bars she will earn a Pot Of Gold.

Three Year Wreath- When a girls has attained all seven bars and has had three years perfect attendance (60 Meetings) she will receive a wreath. All excused absences must be made up. A three year wreath will be given to a girl who leaves to attend college or further her education if she attends all meetings at the assembly nearest her if feasible to do. Written proof from the M.A. of the Assembly visited must be provided.

Service Jewel- 100 hours of charity or service hours beyond the charity and service bars. The entire set of bars need NOT be earned to work on this award.

Rainbow Chevron

An award above and beyond the merit badges, service jewel, and pot of gold. You must have earned the above three awards before applying for this award.

250 points needed

You must submit points from AT LEAST FOUR categories.

ATTENDANCE-	each meeting at another assembly-NOT used as a make-up meeting	2 points
	each out of state visitation	5 points
PETITION-	each petition (top line signer)	5 points
MUSIC-	Sing with the Grand Choir 2 times	5 points
RITUAL-	for extra ritual learned not your own station	
	opening and closing of meeting	3 points
	initiation	5 points
	Installing Marshal or Chaplain	5 points
	Installing Officer	20 points
CHARITY-	Visiting nursing homes, Eastern Star Home	1 pt/hr
	Sunday School teacher, helping at nursery	1 pt/hr
	Helping at Eastern Star, Masonic suppers	1 pt/hr
	Volunteer at school(eg. library aide)	1 pt/hr
	community service	1 pt/hr
OFFERING-	Give \$10.00 to Assembly one time only!	10 points
SERVICE-	Waitress at supper	1 pt/hr
	Prepare supper	1 pt/hr
	Doing dishes, clearing tables, etc.	1 pt/hr
	Soliciting food for suppers	1 pt/hr
	Big Sister for term	5 points
	Visitation committee (each time)	2 points
	Serve second term as Worthy Advisor	
	(In own Assembly)	20 points
	Serve as Worthy Advisor in a second Assembly	50 points
	other points as per projects	

TOTAL POINTS NEEDED: 250 Keep your own record!!

Grand Cross of Color

GRAND CROSS OF COLOR- The highest honor that can be conferred upon anyone connected with Rainbow. It is given after many years of service to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. It is given at an initiatory ceremony held at Grand Assembly each year. In order to earn this award a girl or adult must have given many hours of devoted service to the Order and made outstanding contributions of time and talent. You also continue to work after receiving this award. A girl need not be a Past Worthy Advisor to receive this award and being Worthy Advisor does not automatically make you eligible for this award. There are not a certain number of hours needed and requests for the Grand Cross of Color are NOT GIVEN to the Mother Advisor, as this is an honor that is given NOT asked for.

In Rhode Island, the following must be achieved before someone may be considered as a possible candidate-

Girls-

- a) Must be at least fifteen (15) years old
- b) Must have been in Rainbow at least FOUR years

Adults-

Must have been Rainbow workers for at least FOUR years
This does NOT mean that you have to be on the Board four years.

Each year, the number of designates is based on the number of girls initiated in each assembly. For every three girls that your assembly initiates during the calendar year the Assembly's Advisory Board, upon recommendation of the Mother Advisor, may submit the name of one girl and one adult. Final approval rests with the Supreme Assembly upon approval of our Supreme Inspector or Deputy. An adult may receive the award for each girl nominated but there are never more adults than girls. The Assembly need not give out as many Grand Cross of Color awards as they are entitled to if there are not enough people who have met the qualifications. The number does NOT accumulate from year to year, however.

ADULT SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented to adult workers on Advisory Boards who do not have Masonic Affiliation. The same requirements as for Grand Cross of Color need to be met. You may present one of these awards for every girl nominated even if a Grand Cross nomination is made.

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