

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY AWARDS AT SOLDIERING ON

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I nominate myself, someone that I know, a group or my own organisation?

Yes, all of these. The application form enables you to submit nominations either for yourself, your organisation, or a third party, e.g. a colleague, an associate, a group, a charity or a business. Simply complete the nomination application for the category you wish to enter and follow the instructions. There are several options that you can select to make sure that you give us all the information that we will need.

If you are nominating yourself during the nomination process, we will ask for you to provide one contact (clients, stakeholders, beneficiaries or other) as reference to validate your entry.

Can someone be nominated for more than one category?

Yes. This can happen, for example, when a person working with an organisation would like to nominate their organisation, e.g. for the Working Together Award, as well as someone for an individual award. Potentially, nominees can be nominated for more than one category so long as separate forms are completed and submitted in each category; however, blanket nominations for all categories will be sifted out and be rejected by the Soldiering On team. Please focus the nomination to the appropriate category to avoid duplication, if in doubt please contact the admin team via SOA@x-forces.com for guidance.

Do you have to be based in the United Kingdom to be eligible?

No. To be eligible for shortlist judging, the only stipulation is that nominees must relate to the United Kingdom Armed Forces or, associated with the wider Armed Forces community by their work or volunteering activities etc.

Does the work done/activity/cause associated with the nominee have to be based in the United Kingdom to be eligible?

No, as with the above, the nominee can be based, or be working anywhere in the world, so long as they have an association with the wider UK Armed Forces Community.

Can I nominate myself, an associate, or my organisation in consecutive years?

Yes. There is no restriction to how many years you can submit nominations for The Armed Forces Community Awards at Soldiering On. We have had nominees shortlisted one year and then win the award the following year. Our priority is to publicise the cause or venture, and this happens for all Finalists as well as the overall winners. Submissions from previous winners are not encouraged for at least two years and must be for new or different work to be recognised.

How do I know if my nomination has been received?

At the bottom of the nomination form, there is a 'Next' button. Once you have completed the form and clicked next, you will get instant confirmation on the screen that your application has been received. You will also receive an acknowledgement, confirmation email, that will contain links to your summary page, and which will enable you to add to, or amend your nominations right up to the closing date.

I made a mistake on my nomination form. Can I correct it?

Yes. If you realise you made a mistake when you submitted any of your nomination form, you will be able to return to it and amend it up until the closing date. (see above) The links in your acknowledgement email will enable you to do this.

Can I submit an offline or PDF version of my application?

No. The online nominations process is designed to capture all information consistently for all nominees. However, if you are unable to use or complete the online process, please contact us at SOA@x-forces.com for any advice or help you may require.

How will I know if my nomination has made the finalist shortlist?

Following the judging period, successful nominees that are chosen to proceed as finalists will be notified in early June.

Is there a monetary prize for these awards?

No, there is no monetary prize associated with The Armed Forces Community Awards at Soldiering On. However, the events are very special experiences. Finalists and their nominators will receive tickets to our Finalists Reception at the House of Lords in July. Finalists (and a guest) will receive tickets to attend Awards Night in September, where the winners will be announced, and the winners will receive an individually named trophy. The details of Awards Night will be announced closer to the time.

Is Awards Night open to the public?

The Awards Night is an invitation only event. All individual finalists will be invited to attend with a guest of their choice i.e. two complimentary tickets courtesy of the Awards sponsors. A finalist organisation will be offered two complimentary tickets courtesy of the Awards sponsors. However, if finalists have additional supporters or guests, then they are very welcome to purchase additional tickets, or tables can be purchased. Veteran and charity concessionary prices will be available.