

Cadet Adult Recognition Awards open for application in the Highlands

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The Cadet Adult Recognition Awards (CARAs) are your chance to say thank you to the adult volunteers who make the cadet experience possible.

Nominated by cadets, the CARAs recognise Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAV) across the Highlands of Scotland. There will be 11 winners – one for each Sea Cadets District, Army Cadet Battalion and Royal Air Force Air Cadets Wing in the Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (RFCA) area – plus at least 11 highly commended certificates.

Who can be nominated

Any CFAV who has made a difference to a cadets' experience is eligible. Each cadet has one nomination, so careful thought should be given to who has gone above and beyond.

When writing a nomination, cadets should consider:

- how the CFAV has helped them personally
- what the CFAV has done that stands out
- any specific examples that show why they deserve recognition

Submissions must be no longer than 200 words. Drafting the nomination in a word processor first is recommended, so the word count can be checked before submitting.

Key dates

Nominations are open from **16 March to 20 April 2026**.

Presentation ceremonies will take place on 28 May in Perth and 4 June in Aberdeen. Every cadet who submits a nomination will be entered into a draw for an invitation to one of the ceremonies.

How to nominate

Before submitting, parental or guardian permission is required to nominate and a family email address must be provided. Nominations should be completed using the online nomination form on the Highland RFCA website. Highland RFCA will review all nominations, and a judging panel will select winners and those Highly Commended in each category.

Fill out and submit your nomination The CARAs – Highland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association.

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