

UNIFORM MERIT SYSTEM

As adopted by the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, State of New York

To participate, a girl must be a member in good standing, with her current year's dues paid before awards can be presented.

TOP PIN

Attendance at 16 stated regular Rainbow meetings within one (1) year. These meetings can be of the girl's own assembly, or a visit to a sister assembly. The girl must be properly attired and prepared to take part in the meetings.

Bars are to be awarded in color order in the following manner:

40 points total must be earned for color bar:

20 points from at least two of the items listed for each bar, and

20 points from any combination of items on the Service list.

RED (Love and Devotion)

1. Attendance at special district functions (ie. Area receptions, picnics, thons)...4 pts.
2. Assisting on an assembly Charity project...2 pts per hour
3. Kitchen service...1 pt per meeting or 2 pts per hour
4. Assembly dues paid by January 31st...5 pts

ORANGE (Religion as Love and Service)

1. Supplying favors for assembly activity or charitable institutions...3pts
2. Attendance at Rainbow religious programs (ie. Rainbow Sunday, Devotion in Motion)...5pts
3. Working with children (ie. Special Olympics, telethons, visiting hospitals)...2 pts per hour
4. Participation in program for elderly or disabled (entertain at nursing homes, VA centers)...5 pts

YELLOW (For the beauty of the Earth)

1. Participation in outdoor Rainbow activity (ie. Founder's Day, State Campout, carwashes)...3 pts
2. Participation in outdoor community activity (ie. Parades, County fair, regattas)...3 pts
3. Beautify America (ie. Plant a tree, clean up a park or cemetery)...5 pts
4. Participation in a recycling program (ie. Collection drives, public awareness programs)...4 pts

GREEN (Forever Rainbow)

1. New candidates...8 pts first candidate, 5 pts thereafter
2. Serve on an investigating committee and submit report...3pts
3. Assembly office satisfactorily filled...6pts
4. Promoting Rainbow (ie. Speaking in community or other Masonic or youth groups)...5 pts

BLUE (Fidelity and Allegiance)

1. Serving on a committee...5 pts as chairman, 3 pts as member
2. Continued attendance at 16 additional meetings after top pin earned...3 pts
3. Protomning office for a sister assembly meeting...4 pts
4. Attendance at State Functions (ie. GO receptions, Grand Family weekend)...4 pts

INDIGO (Patriotism and Loyalty)

1. Participation in special degrees or drills...5 pts
2. Supporting the Rainbow scholarship fund...1 pt per dollar donated
3. Supporting our Armed Services (ie. Donations to VA centers, Toys for Tots, letter writing)...3 pts
4. Participation in Flag program (Flag Day degree, speak to group on flag etiquette)...4 pts

VIOLET (Service and Self-Sacrifice)

1. Acting as a Big sister satisfactorily per term...3 pts
2. Aiding a sister assembly, Masonic or Eastern Star Chapter (ie. Waiting tables, help projects)...2 pts per hour
3. Providing favors or decorations for shut-ins (ie. Nursing homes, Meals on Wheels)...2 pts
4. Aiding community group in fund-raising (ie. Volunteer fire depts., hospitals)...3 pts

POT OF GOLD-80 Points

To earn the Pot of Gold, a girl must first have earned all merit color bars. She then must:

1. Perform one item minimum from each of the listed color bar merits
2. Remainder of needed points taken from the Service list
3. Pass the Proficiency test

PROFICIENCY TEST

1. Name the founder, two of his titles, the date and birthplace of our Order
2. Give all signs and tell when they are used
3. Give the Test Oath from memory (Provided in the ritual)
4. Tell what you do as a member of an investigating committee
5. Give the line-up for the officers opening march
6. Name which officers are elected and for how long
7. Name which officers are appointed and for how long
8. Describe the raps on the door and when used
9. Name the contents of the Pot of Gold
10. Give a diagram of the officers on the floor in an assembly room
11. Give a short report on the proper ways to display the American Flag
12. Give the American's Creed (Provided in the ritual)
13. Name the Rainbow districts in New York state
14. Give the names of the following state and district leaders:
 - a) Supreme Inspector or Deputy of NY
 - b) Grand Worthy Advisor of NY
 - c) Grand Lecturer of NY
 - d) Grand Deputy of your district
 - e) Area Lecturer of your area

WREATH-50 Points

To be earned by special Service and Charity activities from the starred (*) items on the Service list.

A girl may also choose to write a report on the founding, history, and meaning of Rainbow (500 word minimum) to earn 30 points.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS:

Since many girls earn all of their merit bars early in their Rainbow lives, assemblies have the option of providing a special merit award so these girls can continue to be an active participant in the assembly and be recognized as such. Some such examples could be a Temple pin, or point club worth 400 earned merit points from the Service and merit bar lists.

SPECIAL AWARD PROVISION:

1-10 points may be awarded at the joint approval of the Mother Advisor, Advisory Board Chairman, and Merit Chairman for truly outstanding service in any Rainbow associated activity, such as setting up a new system for the benefit of her assembly.

SERVICE LIST

1. Continued attendance at 16 additional meetings after top pin...3 pts
2. Attendance at State Functions (ie. GO receptions, Grand Family weekend)...4 pts
3. Participation in an assembly skit or play...4 pts (attendance only 1 pt)
4. Visiting a sister assembly...2pts Protomning an office...4 pts
5. Office satisfactorily filled per term...6 pts
6. Serving as an installed choir member...3 pts
7. Participation in an assembly fund-raising project...2 pts per \$5 earned
8. Serving on investigating committee and submitting a report...3 pts
9. Reporter for Empire Rainbow or assembly newsletter...2 pts per edition
10. Caring for paraphernalia, kitchen service...1 pt per meeting
11. Supplying favors for assembly project or charity...3 pts
12. Acting satisfactorily as a Big Sister per term...3 pts
13. Participation in an outdoor Rainbow activity...3 pts
14. Attendance at Rainbow religious programs...5 pts
15. Participation in outdoor community activity...3 pts
16. Grand Assembly: Attendance at all meetings, church service, and Grand Banquet...20 pts
17. Supporting the Rainbow scholarship fund...1 pt per dollar donated
18. Service to shut-ins...2 pts per hour
19. New candidates...8 pts first candidate, 5 pts thereafter
20. Serving on committees...5 pts chairman, 3 pts as member
21. Participation in special degrees...5 pts
22. Serving on an installing team...4 pts
23. Assisting on assembly Charity projects...2 pts per hour
24. Aiding sister assembly, Masonic or Eastern Star chapter...2 pts per hour
25. Aiding community groups in fund-raising...5 pts
26. Promoting Rainbow to Masonic and community groups...5 pts
27. Supporting our Armed Services...3 pts
28. Participation in an activity to beautify America...5 pts
29. Service at Grand Assembly (Grand Page, Grand Choir, Gofer)...6 pts
30. Fulfilling all required duties of Grand Office...8 pts

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