

POINTS HANDBOOK

NEW HAMPSHIRE POINTS PROGRAM

Attendance points are earned from the date of initiation and each 12-month period thereafter. Points outlined below will be used by every Assembly in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

All bars **MUST** be earned before points can be considered for other awards. Starter Pins are given to new girls by the Recorder (or Big Sister) the evening they are initiated. The seven bars are given for the services outlined and may be awarded in any order, as they are earned. The final arrangement of bars, however, **MUST** be in accordance with the seven colors of the Rainbow. Each bar will require the earning of four points in the specified category.

Bars and awards will be presented at Installations.

Bar or Award	Given for	Description
Start Pin	New Member	Given to new girls by the Recorder (or Big Sister) the evening they are initiated or at the following installation.
Red Bar	Attendance	One year of attendance (two misses allowed, but MUST be made up) Members in college may use visited Assemblies for attendance to attain year drops and qualify for the attendance bar.
Orange Bar	Applications	Two Applications, for two points totaling four points. Any girl living outside the immediate area who brings a member into the Order will earn her Application points if needed. If not needed, that members points will be given to another member who has brought in <u>at least</u> one girl herself and has been waiting <u>the longest</u> for her orange bar
Yellow Bar	Committees	Includes sales projects, car washes, food sales, investigating, etc. Chairperson receives one extra point. One point for selling, working etc. The Chairperson shall keep careful account of expenses, receipts, profit, those attending, working, etc. For a Chairperson to receive points, the Project Planner MUST be completed and turned in
Green Bar	Special Services	Helping Masons, Eastern Star, and Amaranth, church and community. One point is received for every two hours of service. Must give a description of the service performed and length of time spent. For Eastern Star and Masonic suppers, one point each for cooking, set-up, serving, clean up, and running errands. One extra point is awarded to the Chairperson

Blue Bar	Conduct	Behavior, punctuality, reverence, and posture are judged by the Advisory Board in December. MUST attend at least 15 meetings in the year to be considered. Each year, girls start a clean slate with no previous items carried over.
Indigo Bar	Loyalty	Attending church on Rainbow Sunday (<i>required</i>): two points. Two points for substituting in an office with a speaking part. No points for substituting for a non-speaking part. When visiting other assemblies, one point can be earned for visiting, two points for participating in a non-speaking part, and three points for participating with a speaking part.
Violet Bar	Cooperation	Willingness to share in all phases of the Assembly. One point is received for each term in choir. One point for each non-speaking part (Flag Bearer, Confidential Observer, Outer Observer, Musician, Choir Director, Pages), and two points for holding an office with a speaking part and saying the part <u>from memory</u> . One point will be awarded for attending rehearsal

Special Awards

Award	Points
Pot of Gold	30 points
Wreath	50 points
Temple Pin	50 points
Rainbow Cup and Saucer	100 points
Assembly Lifetime Achievement	100 points
Grand Assembly Lifetime Achievement (McAlester Award)	100 points

A White Rainbow Bible is given for 3 years Perfect or Loyal attendance). This Bible is signed by the Supreme Deputy/Inspector and may be presented by the Supreme Deputy/Inspector in the Assembly at Installation or at Grand Assembly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMERIT SYSTEM

In the past, we have not had a concrete Demerit System in writing. However, as we are finding it more prevalent that member fail to attend meetings, rehearsals, functions, etc. without notifying someone, the following system has been revised from another jurisdiction to fit New Hampshire Rainbow.

Issue	Demerit Points
Failure to carry out duties of Office (special meetings, paraphernalia, returning Ritual, etc.)	Minus 1
Disorderly conduct in an Assembly room, chewing gum, unnecessary talking, etc	Minus 1
Failure of proper personal appearance (refer to the Dress Code)	Minus 2
Officer failing to notify Mother Advisor or Worthy Advisor that she is unable to attend a meeting, rehearsal, or Installation	Minus 2
Member fails to notify Mother Advisor, Worthy Advisor, or Committee Chairman when unable to do volunteer work	Minus 2

NEW HAMPSHIRE SERVICE HOURS PROGRAM

When members join Rainbow, each dedicates herself to a life of Service to her Assembly and community. Members are recognized for devotion to Rainbow and to the community in two ways.

The first method is by rewarding points, which are given for contributions to the Assembly. It is the Assistant Mother Advisor's job to keep track of points. Merit Service Bars are awarded for points earned.

Service hours are recognized for gifts of time and effort toward others who may benefit from these gifts. Payment may not be accepted by a member for service provided, either as money or as an exchange of one service for another. For example, babysitting in exchange for someone sewing a dress is not service. Members give of themselves to others who may be less fortunate, or in need of assistance, and in return, the member receives a feeling of good will and appreciation.

When fulfilling family duties and responsibilities, girls are not earning service hours. Family duties and responsibilities may include babysitting younger siblings, elderly relatives, cousins, helping with household chores, etc. Reward for these efforts is the love and support of our family.

Service hours are submitted to a designated adult in the Assembly; they, in turn, compile this information and submit it to Grand Assembly for an annual tabulation toward the state-wide goal of service, a by-word of all Rainbow girls.

Rainbow members are encouraged to provide service each day. It is not difficult to find opportunities of service. Service is one of the most important lessons our Order teaches.

GRAND CROSS OF COLOR AND SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

The *Grand Cross of Color* and the *Service to Rainbow Recognition Award* are Honorary Degrees awarded to those girls and adults who have exemplified the lessons of love and service above and beyond the norm. The lessons of Rainbow are reflected in the lives of the girls and adults nominated, not only in their participation in and for Rainbow, but also, through their personal and social lives.

The *Grand Cross of Color* can be received **ONLY** by members of Rainbow or Members of our Sponsoring Bodies (Masons, Eastern Stars, and Amaranth). The *Service Recognition Award* is available only to non-affiliated parents, grandparents, and legal guardians of Rainbow Members.

Receiving the *Grand Cross of Color* and *Service Recognition Award* is not for everyone. It should not be considered "automatic" under any circumstances. In the past, there have been some discrepancies in deciding who would receive this High Honor. Listed below are the requirements and guidelines that will be used to decide those who may be considered:

- For every three (3) members that are initiated in a calendar year, one (1) member and one (1) adult may be nominated. The adult can either be nominated for either the Grand Cross of Color Award or the Service Recognition Award or both a Grand Cross of Color and Service to Rainbow Award nomination can occur as long as one (1) member has been nominated.
- An adult **CANNOT** receive the Grand Cross of Color if a member is not nominated.
- However, a member **ONLY** may be nominated.
- Members must have been a member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for a minimum of five (5) years and be, at least, 16 years of age.
- Adults **MUST** have **ACTIVELY** served the Assembly for a minimum of three years.

At a specially designated meeting in December of each year, all Masters of the Grand Cross affiliated in some way with the Assembly (members, advisors, members of sponsoring bodies, etc) will convene to discuss who is eligible to be nominated for the Grand Cross of Color. A person (generally a member of the Advisory Board) will act as Chairperson and will read the list of names. Paper ballots will be given to all Masters present at the meeting. The Chairperson will advise the number of nominees their Assembly is entitled to and then the voting members will cast their written, secret ballot, for those members and adults they feel should receive the Honor. There will be **NO** open discussion on the members and adults being nominated. (note: vote on eligible girls first. If no girl is nominated, an adult may not be nominated)

Once the ballots are cast, and counted, the Chairperson will advise the Mother Advisor of the results, and these names are then submitted via the annual report, to the Supreme Deputy/Inspector.

Please **DO NOT** make any public announcement of the Nominees, as the Supreme Deputy/Inspector must first approve them. Once the nominees have received their notification from Supreme, an announcement may be made in the Assembly.

If the Advisory Board, Mother Advisor, or Chairperson have a question, comment, or concern, it is recommended that they speak to their Assembly Grand Deputy, Dean of the Grand Cross, or Supreme Deputy/Inspector **PRIOR** to the Annual Meeting.