

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE
Washington**

**ARTICLE I
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1. This award shall be made in recognition of continuous dedicated service to the Order.

(a) A Majority Member who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and not more than thirty-five (35) years of age at the time of her nomination.

**ARTICLE II
REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Nomination

(a) Nomination shall be made by Executive Members of the BGC without the knowledge of the nominee. (2013)

(1) The members of the Bethel or a permanent member of the GGC may recommend her nomination to the Executive members of the BGC.

(2) A Majority Member may be nominated by any Bethel in which she has contributed. (2019)

Section 2. Recommendations

(a) The nominating BGC shall secure at least four (4) written recommendations from adults, not related to the nominee, who have first-hand knowledge of her contribution to the Order. (2013)

(1) At least two (2) of the recommendations shall be from members of the GGC or members of the BGC (Executive and/or Associate).

(2) If the nominee has been with the nominating Bethel for less than four (4) years, two (2) additional recommendations from their previous Bethel and/or Jurisdiction are required to cover four (4) years of service to the Order. (2019)

(b) A minimum of four (4) must include specific examples of outstanding service to the Order. (2019)

(c) The recommendations must be dated and signed. (2019)

(d) In order to be considered as a recommendation from a member of the GGC, it must also show the proposer's office or title.

(e) Only those requirements described in the Rules and Regulations of this Degree may be used by the committee in accepting recommendations.

Section 3. Presentation

(a) The recipient shall receive the Degree of Royal Purple at Formal Opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Bethel. In the event that it is impossible for the recipient to attend the Annual Session, other arrangements for the presentation of the Degree of Royal Purple will be made by the Grand Guardian. (1998)

(b) The GGC shall be responsible for providing each recipient with a white rose, a certificate and for engraving the medallion with her name, the year and the jurisdiction.

Section 4. General

(a) The cost of the approved medallion may be paid by the Bethel, the family, or anyone who wishes to contribute. Checks should be made payable to the GGC of Washington and sent to the Grand Secretary of Washington by May 1. (2019)