



NOMINATIONS FOR BARDSHIP: RULES AND GUIDELINES

Gorsedh Kernow is a prestigious and well respected organisation that champions Cornish Culture. It is a great honour to be invited to join the college of Cornish Bards. It is essential that this process is managed with discretion and respect in order to avoid embarrassment and ill feeling. **We therefore ask you to read the rules and citation guidelines carefully before submitting a nomination.**

Rules

1. Nominations are strictly confidential and the candidate must not be consulted. The nomination will automatically become void if confidentiality is not respected. By the same token anyone found to have canvassed for Bardship will not be considered.
2. Nominations can only be made by Bards of Gorsedh Kernow.
3. You may not nominate family members.
4. You may only nominate one person in any one year but Cornish Language teachers can write multi-citations for their successful Grade 4 examinees, in addition to ONE personal citation.
5. Only one citation is required for nomination and this must be sent to the Admissions Secretary, contact details below.
6. Citations previously rejected cannot be used again. If you wish to propose the same person again, a new citation must be submitted.
7. The decision of the Gorsedh Council on admission of new bards is final.
8. Nominations must be submitted using the citation form.
9. Nominations may be submitted at any time but the closing date is strictly 31st December for admissions in the following year.

Citation Guidelines

1. The overarching criterion for invitation to become a Bard of Gorsedh Kernow is that of exemplary work or endeavour that **contributes to Cornwall's distinct culture and identity**. Nominations will not be considered if this criterion is not met.
2. Bardship is not restricted to people born in Cornwall or of Cornish descent; it is open to all who identify with Cornwall and its culture. **It is important that candidates believe in a Cornwall that has a distinct national identity which places it alongside the other Celtic nations.**
3. Candidates will be considered who have been involved in a major project, creative work or achievement that embraces Cornish identity within:
 - cultural streams e.g. Brass Bands, Choirs, Folk Music, Dance etc.
 - sports e.g. wrestling, pilot gigs, Rugby, surfing etc.
 - physical heritage e.g. industrial landscape, archaeology, geology and the natural world.
 - intangible heritage e.g. Cornish Language, Cornish dialect, folk customs and traditional crafts.
4. Candidates will be considered who have undertaken exceptional community service where this has enhanced **awareness of Cornwall's distinctive Celtic identity**.
5. Candidates will be considered who have undertaken a major study or research into a Cornish subject and used this learning to actively promote Cornish culture and identity e.g. Cornish language students, Cornish Studies in higher education or an independent research project.
6. Candidates will be considered who have provided long term support in a leading role for organisations and events that express and engage with Cornish culture and Identity.

Please send your completed, signed and dated nomination form **ONLY** to: Admissions Secretary, Mrs Maureen Fuller / Steren Mor, e-mail address: admissions@gorsedhkernow.org.uk
or Sowena, 11, Barton Close, Landrake, SALTASH, Cornwall PL12 5BA