

Adult Recognitions Requiring Council Approval

Candidates are active adult members registered with Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Think about someone in your Service Unit who deserves recognition for their Girl Scout efforts. The nomination form only takes a few minutes to fill out! Nominations will be reviewed regularly by a GSAK Board appointed committee. Awards will be presented by council staff at GSAK events.

Official GSUSA recognitions awarded at the Service Unit level

These awards are official GSUSA recognitions. Recipients are nominated by volunteers or SU Teams. These awards are purchased by individual Service Units and are presented at SU Leader Meetings. To apply or nominate recipients for these awards use the Adult Recognition Application.



Outstanding Volunteer Award

Criteria for Selection: Perform at a level that exceeds the expectations of the position in one or more of the following areas: membership, program or fund development.



Outstanding Leader Award

Criteria for Selection: Demonstrate competence in at least two of the following areas: increase girl membership, involve the community in increasing program opportunities for girls, provide a wide range of program and help the girls understand inclusiveness.

Years of Service Pin



Criteria for award: Recognizes a Girl Scout adult member for her/his years of active volunteer service at five-year intervals (5, 10, 15, etc.).

Form of recognition: The Years of Service pin is a gold tone frame with the words "Girl Scout Volunteer" surrounding a white enamel circle inscribed with the number of years. It may be purchased by the individual or by the Service Unit for presentation at an awards event.

This pin represents the number of years of active adult service, not simply paying membership dues. For example, if a person was a girl member for 5 years, a leader for 10 years and maintained her registration for another 10 years, she would be eligible for a Years of Service Pin showing 10 years. She would also be eligible for a 25-year membership numeral that combines girl and adult membership years.

Membership Numerals (Year Pin)



Criteria for award: Volunteers who have been registered as members of the Girl Scout organization for 5, 10, 15, etc. years are eligible for membership numerals.

The numerals show the total number of years (not necessarily continuous or consecutive) of registered membership, both as a girl and an adult, in any Girl Scout/Girl Guide organization. Numeral Guards are attached to the Official Girl Scout Membership Pins (regular or miniature size), and are placed to the right of the pin on clothing or on the insignia tab. The five-year numeral guard replaces five membership stars; a ten-year guard replaces ten membership stars.

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Leadership Development Pin and Leaves



Criteria for Selection: For troop leaders who are a registered adult Girl Scout who has completed at least one year as a leader, co-leader or assistant leader (registered 01 or 02 adult position code). Must have completed the appropriate training and have demonstrated position competence. These leaders actively recognize, understand and practice the values of inclusive behavior and must have participated in at least two meetings or events beyond the troop level (Service Unit meeting, Annual Meeting, Service Unit event, etc.) Please use the Leadership Development Pin and Leaves application when applying for this award.

Honor Pin



Criteria for Selection: The service performed by the candidate is outstanding, above and beyond the expectations of the position held, and is delivered to two or more geographic divisions or service units within the Council's jurisdiction, and contributes to the Council's goals and objectives. Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting. To apply or nominate recipients for these awards use the Adult Recognition Application.

Appreciation Pin



Criteria for Selection: The service performed by the candidate is outstanding, above and beyond the expectation of the position held, and is delivered to at least one geographic region or service unit within the Council jurisdiction, and contributes to the Council's goals and objectives. Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting. To apply or nominate recipients for these awards use the Adult Recognition Application.

Thanks Badge



Criteria for Selection: The service performed by the candidate is truly outstanding, benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate. Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting. To apply or nominate recipients for these awards use the Adult Recognition Application.

Thanks Badge II



Criteria for Selection: For Continuing Service - is similar to the Thanks Badge but recognizes continued outstanding service given by a Thanks Badge recipient that benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement. Worn instead of, not in addition to the Thanks Badge. To apply or nominate recipients for these awards use the Adult Recognition Application.

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President's Award



To recognize outstanding efforts to service units or groups that support Council objectives, in moving their assigned areas towards Council goals. This award is a certificate that is presented to the Service Unit Team at a designated GSAK event.



Spouse of the Year Award

To recognize that special spouse who has endured life with a volunteer and has supported their efforts. The candidate does not have to be a registered Girl Scout. This award is a plaque that is presented to the recipient at a designated GSAK event.



Couples Award

To recognize a couple's joint efforts. A Couple who has given outstanding service to benefit a troop, service unit or Council. The candidates do not have to be registered Girl Scouts. This award is a plaque that is presented to the recipients at a designated GSAK event.

Media Award

To recognize outstanding media coverage supporting Girl Scouting. Quality and amount of publicity will be considered in the selection. This award is for professional media coverage through television, radio or newspaper and is not intended for Girl Scout volunteers.