



Girl Scouts®

Criteria for Adult Recognition Awards

Volunteers are truly the cornerstone of Girl Scouting. There are so many wonderful people who give of their time and talents to enrich the lives of our girls. Every year at the council's Annual Meeting, we hold a very special awards ceremony to honor extraordinary volunteers and all that they have done for Girl Scouting.

If you know of one of these extraordinary people, please consider nominating that individual for one of the awards. The awards and their criteria are listed below.

Criteria for Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Adult Recognition Awards



Outstanding Volunteer Award

For an adult member, in a position other than Leader, who's service benefits Girl Scouts locally in a way that is beyond the expectations of the position.

Criteria:

- The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
- Has completed appropriate training and/or demonstrated competence for the position.
- Candidate has performed at a level that exceeds the expectations of the position as outlined in the position description agreement.

Nomination: Submit nomination form and one letter of endorsement.

Examples of who may qualify:

- A person who has significantly increased Girl Scouting's positive image within a community through a wide variety of methods and media.
- A recruiter who has retained or increased adult or girl membership in an area beyond the goals set for that area.
- An event director who has increased local support and managed several successful events while increasing girl membership.



Outstanding Leader Award

For a Troop Leader or Assistant Leader whose performance in working with girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition.

Criteria:

- The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
- Has completed appropriate training and has demonstrated competence in girl-adult partnership, communication, membership development, pluralism, and program delivery.
- The candidate's work with girls has exceeded expectations for the position as outlined in the position description or agreement.

Nomination: Submit nomination form and two letters of endorsement.

Examples of who may qualify:

- The group leader whose creative activities attract increasing numbers of girls to an after school program.
 - The Troop Leader who develops a series of activities that give girls the opportunity to interact with people from different cultures.
 - The Leader who continues to be inclusive to all girls and reaches into communities of need so all girls may be able to experience Girl Scouting.
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President's Award

For a Service Unit Team who moves its area toward achievement of Girl Scout goals.

Criteria:

- The candidates are registered Girl Scout adults.
- All team members have completed appropriate training and/or demonstrated competence for the positions they hold.
- Delivery of Girl Scout program to the area effectively results in the retention of 75% of membership.
- Overall girl membership for the area or audience has reached or surpassed membership goal.
- The composition of the team reflects the diversity of the area or audience.
- Team members cultivate contacts in the community, such as through scheduled talks to civic groups, sponsorship agreements, or community profile update.
- Council-required reports are submitted on time.
- The team maintains ongoing communications with each Troop and with Leaders utilizing a variety of methods that serve the needs of area adults.
- The team maintains ongoing communication with girls registered individually in the area.
- Team encourages adult participation in fund development and has increased annual giving support to the council.

Nomination: Members of the Service Unit Team submit an application for the award, documenting completion of the criteria and the results.



Appreciation Pin

For an adult member who has delivered outstanding service to at least one Service Unit.

Criteria:

- The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
- Has provided outstanding service to a Service Unit in a way that furthers the Council's goals.
- The service goes beyond the expectations for the position.

Nomination: Submit nomination form and two letters of endorsement.

Examples of who may qualify:

- A corporate volunteer who recruits coworkers to lead or sponsor troops or provide career mentors for girls from under-represented populations in the Council.

- A person who develops and implements a successful family partnership program that exceeds financial goals.
 - A Service Unit Director whose management of the area results in an increase in membership and a stable retention pattern over several years.
 - A consultant who develops and implements an interactive pluralism program that helps girls and adults develop a greater appreciation of people who are different from themselves.
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Honor Pin

For an adult member who has delivered outstanding service to two or more Service Units.

Criteria:

- The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
- Has provided outstanding service to two or more Service Units in a way that furthers Council's goals.
- Service goes beyond the expectations of the position.

Nomination: Submit nomination form and three letters of endorsement.

Examples of who may qualify:

- A program consultant who implements a series of events and activities that bring girls together from different parts of the council.
 - A person who organizes and provides leadership to a successful annual giving campaign that surpasses council financial goals.
 - A director of consistently successful summer programs that includes two or more areas.
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Thanks Badge

For an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

Criteria:

- The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
- Has provided outstanding service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement.
- The service is so significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.

Nomination: Submit nomination form and four letters of endorsement.

Examples of who may qualify:

- A person who undertakes innovative fund raising activities that significantly increases adult-generated funding for the Council.
 - A person who has held several positions within Girl Scouting and is continually dedicated to further the development and improvement of the Council.
 - A volunteer who forms or sustains resource partnerships that provide for program opportunities for girls throughout the Council.
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Thanks Badge II

Recognizes an adult member who has already received the Thanks Badge and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

Criteria:

- The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
- The candidate has received the Thanks Badge.
- Since receipt of the Thanks Badge, the candidate has provided distinguished service by:
 - continuing to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time, or
 - increased her/his sphere of influence, or
 - used her/his skills and talents to move into another field of endeavor.
- The service benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement.
- The service is outstanding and is so significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.

Nomination: Submit nomination form and four letters of endorsement.

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