



Adult Awards & Recognitions

Every day, Girl Scout volunteers like you help give girls the tools to lead, break barriers and create positive change.

Thank You!



These awards and recognitions are a great way to pay tribute to our volunteers. Volunteers can be nominated for awards and recognitions by the council or by their peers. *All candidates should be registered members in good standing. Requirements for each recognition are listed in this publication.*

Nominations are due online by May 1 each year.

Awards and recognitions are reviewed by a volunteer committee and then presented at annual adult recognition events.

If you have any questions about adult award recognitions, contact taniah@gsgcf.org.

Nomination Procedure:

A nomination form is completed and submitted, indicating how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. All nominations are to be completed online. You can access the forms by clicking the title of the award or visit www.gsgcf.org and click on "Members", "[Forms and Documents](#)", then "Adult Awards." Then, choose the corresponding nomination form.

GSUSA National Adult Awards:

For decades, GSUSA Adult Awards have provided a consistent framework and valuable resources to help councils formally recognize volunteers who devote time and energy to our movement. GSUSA National Adult Awards are awarded to volunteers in front of their peers at the council's Annual Adult Recognition Ceremony in June.



Volunteer of Excellence Award

The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

Criteria

- The nominee is a troop leader and serves in an additional volunteer role for the service unit or council.
- The nominee has successfully completed one full term of service and all requirements for the position.
- The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the National Program Portfolio or has gone beyond the expectations of the position and has supported the council's mission delivery goals in one or more of the following functional areas: Membership Development/ Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service.



Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had measurable impact on at least one service unit, contributes to expanding the council reach and surpassing its mission-delivery goals for that area.

Criteria

- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and has made an impact on **at least one service unit** within the council's jurisdiction.





Honor Pin

The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had measurable impact on two or more service units, contributing to the goals of the council to reach and surpass its mission delivery goals.

Criteria

- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and has made an impact on **two or more service units** within the council's jurisdiction.

Thanks Badge



The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have made an exceptional, measurable impact in advancing the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the Girl Scout Movement.

Criteria

- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited 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.



Thanks Badge II

The Thanks Badge II honors a previous Thanks Badge recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement.

Criteria

- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited 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.



Description

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service-delivery team, committee, or volunteer team whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals.

Criteria:

- All team members are registered Girl Scouts.
- All team members have met all requirements and expectations of the positions held.
- The team has contributed to meeting one or more of the council's mission-delivery goals.
- The team reflects the diversity of the target audience or area it serves in both girl and adult membership across all pathways offered.
- The team actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.



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Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Council Awards:

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Green Angel Award

The Green Angel Award recognizes a volunteer's consistent outstanding support to Girl Scouting, girls, and the council.

Criteria

- The volunteer has provided consistent support to girls and the council.
- Typically, one award is given for each of the council's service units.
- The individual is the "MVP" of the service unit who has been the backbone of the service unit during the membership year. If the individual within the service unit who embodies this role already has this award, then none are awarded for the service unit that year.

Pearl Award

The Pearl Award recognizes individuals instrumental in organizing or substantially increasing participation in Girl Scouts in underserved communities for three or more years.

Criteria

- Just like Juliette Gordon Low sold a strand of rare pearls to help the Girl Scout movement when it first started, this individual has prioritized Girl Scouts and given the time and energy to help girls grow and excel.
- The individual has implemented, facilitated, or supported programs, specifically designed for underserved, rural, or low-income areas.

Sustained Service Award

The Sustained Service Award recognizes volunteers who have earned the Volunteer of Excellence Award and who continue to contribute outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through the National Program Portfolio. It also recognizes those who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

Criteria

- The nominee continues to serve as a troop leader and in an additional volunteer role for the service unit or council.
- The nominee has received the Volunteer of Excellence Award no less than 3 years prior to their nomination for the Sustained Service Award.
- The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the National Program Portfolio or has gone beyond the expectations of the position and has supported the council's mission delivery goals in one or more of the following functional areas: Membership Development/Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service.

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Service Unit Awards:

These awards are unique to Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida and formally recognize volunteers who devote time and energy to our movement at the local council level. GSGCF Service Unit Adult Awards are awarded to volunteers in front of their peers at each service unit's end of year meeting, typically in May.

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award recognizes the service of a new troop leader or volunteer during their first three years of taking a volunteer position for contributing outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway.

Criteria

- The nominee has been in the position for a minimum of 6 months to maximum of 36 months.
- The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the National Program Portfolio or has gone beyond the expectations of the position and has supported the council's mission delivery goals in one or more of the following functional areas: Membership Development/ Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service.

Go-Get-Her Award

The Go-Get-Her Award recognizes a volunteer who has put significant effort and creativity into finding and recruiting more girls into Girl Scouts.

Criteria

- The nominee has actively participated in Girl Scout recruitment events that have led to increased membership in one or more service areas over a twelve-month period.

Shining Trefoil Award

The Shining Trefoil Award recognizes a product program volunteer who has gone above and beyond the expected product sales duties to give service of exceptional benefit which warrants recognition.

Criteria

- The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to support the council's mission delivery goals in one or more of the following functional areas: Membership Development/ Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support as it relates to the Fall Product Program or Cookie Program.



Remember:

Recognition doesn't always have to be in the form of an award. Join us in saying "thank you" to as many volunteers as you can who deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls and young women across Florida's Gulf Coast.

Outdoor Pathfinder Award

The Outdoor Pathfinder Award recognizes volunteers who make outdoor experiences in Girl Scouts possible by providing creative, recreational, and educational outdoor opportunities for girls.

Criteria

- The nominee provides exceptional service that goes beyond a troop experience to make the outdoor experience available to a wide number of girls.

Membership Numerals

The membership numerals recognize the individual for combined years of membership both as a girl and adult member. These pins are available in five-year intervals.

Criteria

- These recognitions do not require endorsement.
- The volunteer wishing to receive the pins contacts their service unit award chairperson at the end of the membership year, who submits the request form to council with others in the service unit.

Legacy Award

The Legacy Award recognizes a troop leader who has led the same troop of girls from Daisies to Ambassadors (grades K-12).

Criteria

- The nominee has maintained an active membership and troop leadership role with the same troop for 13 continuous documented years.
- A list of continuously active girl member names in the troop from K-12 is submitted to the council for verification. A troop is defined as a minimum of 3 of the same girls.



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Nominate a volunteer today!

These awards are in recognition for service to the council or organization overall. Volunteers who hold service unit or council volunteer positions typically meet these requirements.

For assistance with the nomination process, email taniah@gsgcf.org.

Nomination submissions should include:

- The nominee's name (award recipient) and their current position in Girl Scouting.
- Title of adult award or recognition.
- How the nominator knows the nominee.
- An explanation of how the nominee has met the level of service required to receive the specific award.
- Examples of the nominee's performance which explain how the service was beyond what others in the same position have done.
- An explanation of how the nominee's contribution has benefited Girl Scouting.
- Name of nominator (person submitting), phone, and email.



FAQs

Who can nominate for an award?

Anyone can nominate, including parents, girls, volunteers, council staff, and community members. The person who nominates a volunteer needs to know the award criteria and how the volunteer has impacted Girl Scouts or the community.

When and where are awards given to volunteers?

National and Council Award recipients are recognized in front of their peers at the council's Annual Adult Recognition Ceremony in June. Service Unit Award recipients are recognized at their service unit end-of-year meetings which typically take place in May.

Who can receive an award?

Any active, registered adult Girl Scout in good standing. Any volunteer receiving an award must be following the council's policies and guidelines. As an award recipient, they are being held up as a role model. Good standing status means that the volunteer has met all eligibility requirements for being an appointed volunteer, including being a registered member and having a current background check (if required for their role).

Who reviews award nominations?

A volunteer selection committee with representation from across the council reviews the nominations and makes decisions based on how the information presented fits the criteria for the award.

The Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, and Thanks Badge II are then submitted to the council Board of Directors for final approval.