

**Adult Recognition Award List**

**The application/approval process for all GSUSA/GSNNJ Awards is as follows:**

**Requirements**

* The candidate is a **registered Girl Scout** adult for the current Girl Scout year.
* The candidate has completed the **criminal background check**.
* The candidate has completed the **appropriate training** and demonstrated competence in the position.
* The candidate has performed at a level that **exceeds the expectations** of the position or service.

**Nomination Form**

* The **nomination form** includes two specific questions that must be completed by someone familiar with the nominee’s contributions to Girl Scouting.

**Endorsement Letters**

* The required **number of endorsement letters** are completed indicating the person who nominated the volunteer.
* The endorsement letters **must be submitted by a different person**(s) other than the one who nominated the volunteer**.**
* The endorsement letter should describewhy the writer supports the nomination and should include specific examples.

**Years of Membership**

* The **total years** as a registered member (both girl & adult) at **five-year intervals**. 15 years & above are presented at the Adult Recognition event; 5 & 10 years are presented at the Service Unit level. Notify your Service Unit Manager or member of the Service Team.

**Please note** that if a volunteer is unable to attend the event, the recognition may be presented at the service unit level.

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| **GSUSA AWARDS-** Nominated by an individual or group familiar with candidate’s performance. | | | | |
| **Recognition** | | **Criteria** | **Application Process** | **Approval Process** |
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| **Volunteer of Excellence** | | Outstanding service above the expectation of the position while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the GSLE. | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **1 Endorsement Form/Letter** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **Appreciation Pin** | | Service is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on one or more service units. | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **2 Endorsement Form/Letters** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **Honor Pin** | | Service is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on two or more service units. | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **3 Endorsement Form/Letters** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **Thanks Badge** | | Outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty that benefited the entire council. | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **4 Endorsement Form/Letters** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **Thanks Badge II** | | The recipient has received the Thanks Badge and the recipient’s exemplary service continues to merit further recognition. | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **4 Endorsement Form/Letters** | Adult Recognitions Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **GSNNJ AWARDS-** Nominated by an individual or group familiar with candidate’s performance. | | | | |
| **Recognition** | **Criteria** | | **Application Process** | **Approval Process** |
| **Rookie of the Year** | Exceptional service and commitment to the troop/group, service unit, and/or council within the first or second year of becoming a volunteer. | | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **1 Endorsement Form/Letters** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **Outstanding Service Team Member** | Outstanding service to a geographic service area by a service team member | | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **2 Endorsement Form/Letters** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **Commitment to Excellence** | This award is given to volunteers who continue to demonstrate exceptional service, and extraordinary dedication to the Girl Scout Movement for two years or more after receiving the Appreciation Pin. Awarded once in a lifetime | | **1 Nomination Form/Letter**  **2 Endorsement Letters** | Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors. |
| **YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP** | | | | |
| **Years of Membership** | Total years as a registered member (both girl and adult) at five-year intervals. | | **Self-nominated** | Adult Recognition Committee |