



Adult Recognition Award List

The application 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 describe why the writer supports the nomination and should include specific examples.

Notification

- **Awardees will receive email notification of the award .**

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.

GSUSA AWARDS- Nominated by an individual or group familiar with candidate's performance.			
Recognition	Criteria	Application Process	Approval Process
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.
Exceptional Leadership Award	This award recognizes a volunteer who inspires those around them and is a guiding example of an ideal Girl Scout volunteer. Awarded after 2 Years or more of volunteering.	1 Nomination Form/Letter 1 Endorsement Form/Letter	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 Forms/Letters	Adult Recognition Committee recommends nomination for approval by the Board of Directors.
Commitment to Excellence II – Above and Beyond	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 Commitment to Excellence Award. Awarded once in a lifetime.	1 Nomination Form/Letter 2 Endorsement Forms/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