

Girl Scouts Adult Awards Fact Sheet

*Do you know a Girl Scout volunteer who deserves recognition?
Which adult award is appropriate?*

Does the volunteer give service exclusively at the troop level?



Volunteer of Excellence Award



Does the volunteer give service benefiting a single service unit?



Appreciation Pin



Does the volunteer give service benefiting two or more service units?



Honor Pin



Does the volunteer give outstanding service benefiting all of GSMISTS or the Girl Scout Movement?



Thanks Badge



Has the volunteer received the Thanks Badge and continues to give outstanding service benefiting all of GSMISTS or the Girl Scout Movement?



Thanks Badge II



Is the award for a Team or Group?



The President's Award



The **Volunteer of Excellence** offers service units an opportunity to recognize volunteers who have contributed outstanding service in support of mission delivery to girl and adult members at a troop level.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer who has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for the position beyond expectations.
- The nominee actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.
- *Requires the Nomination Form and one Letter of Endorsement from someone other than the nominator indicating how the nominee meets the criteria of the award.*



The **Appreciation Pin** recognizes an active Girl Scout volunteer's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had a measurable impact on one service unit, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer whose service is above and beyond the expectations for the position held.
- The nominee has made an impact on one service unit within the council's jurisdiction.
- *Requires the Nomination Form and two Letters of Endorsement from people other than the nominator indicating how the nominee meets the criteria of the award.*



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

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer whose service is above and beyond the expectations for the position held.
- The nominee has made an impact on two or more service units within the council's jurisdiction.
- *Requires the Nomination Form and two Letters of Endorsement from people other than the nominator indicating how the nominee meets the criteria of the award. A Letter of Endorsement is required from each service unit served.*



The **Thanks Badge** recognizes an active Girl Scout volunteer whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of GSMISTS or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited all of GSMISTS or the entire Girl Scout organization and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.
- *Requires the Nomination Form and three Letters of Endorsement from people other than the nominator indicating how the nominee meets the criteria of the award.*



The **Thanks Badge II** recognizes a previous Thanks Badge recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role significantly above and beyond the call of duty, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement.

- The nominee is an active, registered Girl Scout volunteer.
- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- *Requires the Nomination Form and three Letters of Endorsement from people other than the nominator indicating how the nominee meets the criteria of the award.*

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

- All team or committee members are registered Girl Scout volunteers and have met all requirements and expectations of the positions held.
- The service-delivery team or committee has significantly contributed to one or more of the council's mission-delivery goals.
- The service-delivery team or committee reflects the diversity of the target audience or area it serves, in girl and adult membership.
- The service-delivery team actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.
- *Requires the Nomination Form and two Letters of Endorsement from people other than the nominator indicating how the team/committee meets the criteria of the award.*

How and when can I submit a nomination?

- Nominations packets, including the required Letters of Endorsement, must be received by GSMISTS by February 1.
- Nominators will be notified of the status of the Adult Award once the review process is complete. Nominees who are receiving Adult Awards will also be notified.
- Adult Awards are awarded at GSMISTS Annual Meeting which is held annually in April.

Please review *GSMISTS Adult Recognitions Handbook* for forms and additional information found at <http://www.gsmists.org/en/for-volunteers/recognition-and-awards.html>
For more information, contact customercare@gsmists.org or call 844-476-4787.