

Girl Scout Adult Award FAQ

Girl Scout volunteers give their time, support, and energy to Girl Scouts, fellow volunteers, and caring adults. Help us show appreciation and nominate a deserving volunteer for a council award.

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. We couldn't deliver Girl Scouting without them!

Which adult award is appropriate?

Volunteer does more and continues to deliver outstanding service.

Does the volunteer provide outstanding service exclusively at the troop level?

Yes



Volunteer of Excellence

Does the volunteer deliver excellent service beyond the troop level but within a single service unit?

Yes



Appreciation Pin

Does the volunteer serve two or more service units?

Yes



Honor Pin

Does the volunteer provide service that benefits the Girl Scout council or Movement?

Yes



Thanks Badge I

Has the volunteer received the Thanks Badge I and do they continue to provide service that benefits the Girl Scout council or Movement?

Yes



Thanks Badge II

Learn about the different awards and submit a nomination at www.gsutah.org/adult-awards

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Writing a Strong Nomination

When writing a nomination or endorsement for a council or service unit award, take the time to be detailed and provide examples. Your nomination/endorsement should demonstrate the impact of your nominee. Consider a few questions to help you write a stronger nomination:

- » What has the person or group done to earn the award? Be specific.
- » Why is the person/group and their effort worthy of recognition? What makes it unique?
- » How did they benefit the Girl Scouts, troop, service unit, or council? Give examples.

Your goal is to give the review committee a strong sense of what your nominee has accomplished. When in doubt, consider these questions: who, what, where, when, why, and how. See the examples below.

Original Statement	How to make it stronger	Stronger Statement
"She always goes above and beyond."	Be specific! Tell a story about how the troop, service unit, or Girl Scouts benefit from the nominee and their efforts. Explain how their efforts go beyond expectations.	"Avery always goes above and beyond. She is the first to arrive at troop activities to set up and the last to leave after cleaning up. She is known for approaching leaders at the start of each activity to ask what she can do to help. Avery has helped out so many times and is always the first to raise her hand. We could not be as successful without her!"
"She's been an effective leader for a long time."	Give details about how long they've been a leader, what levels (Girl Scout, troop, or service unit), and what made them effective. Is it a combination of factors, like communication and organizational skills?	"Karen has been an effective leader for a long time. For 11 years, she led a large troop from Daisies through the difficult middle school years to their current level of Seniors. She has been an effective leader because she is positive, remains flexible and open to hearing the girls' ideas, and keeps everyone informed and updated."
"He is great at connecting people."	Share an example of how they helped the girls/adults connect. What benefits are seen because of their people skills?	"He is great at connecting people. His troop voted to pursue the aMuse Journey. James recruited troop parents, community artists, and actors as resources for the girls to learn from. As a result, the girls had a great time meeting community experts and several opportunities for Take Action projects came from these connections, too!"

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