

Service Unit Awards

Award Title & Description	Criteria	Nomination Requirements
<p>Certificate of Appreciation</p> <p>An all-purpose award certificate, suitable for service of exceptional quality from an individual or a group. An excellent award to acknowledge a first time or one time contribution to Girl Scouts.</p>	<p>Currently registered adult member who has supported and/or given exceptional service to Girl Scouting.</p>	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p> <p>Nominations must be received by the designated due date.</p>
<p>Special Supporters Certificate</p> <p>Honors groups or individuals who have supported Girl Scouting in communities within the council’s jurisdiction. An excellent award to acknowledge ongoing or second time contribution to Girl Scouts.</p>	<p>An individual, group, or business who has supported and/or given exceptional service to Girl Scouting.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School principal who helps a troop that meets in the school. • A business or organization that loans equipment or sponsors a troop. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p> <p>Nominations must be received by the designated due date.</p>
<p>Noteworthy New Leader Certificate</p> <p>Recognizes a new troop leader or co-leader who is in their first two years in this position and who has caught the spirit of Girl Scouting and shares this spirit with girls and adults in the troop.</p>	<p>Currently registered adult member that has been in their current position for at least 6 months.</p> <p>Must complete position-specific training and perform as an outstanding troop leader, assistant troop leader, or co-leader during the first year of volunteer service in that position.</p>	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p> <p>Nominations must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Service Unit Girl Scout Family Award Certificate</p> <p>Recognizes outstanding contributions made by girls and their entire family unit through their service to the Girl Scout service unit.</p>	<p>Currently registered adult member who has provided service for two or more years to troops and/or Girl Scout service unit audiences that enhances the work and furthers the goals of the service unit.</p> <p>Provides service that goes beyond the expectations outlined in the position statement or agreement.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer who goes above and beyond, both at the troop and service unit level, and has taken on leadership roles in planning and carrying out special events and programs. • A volunteer who has successfully directed a Girl Scout Day Camp. • A volunteer who provides ongoing training at Service Unit Leadership Team meetings. • A volunteer who has successfully served in a Service Unit Leadership Team position for one or more years. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p>
<p>Outstanding Volunteer Certificate</p> <p>Recognizes outstanding contributions made by a volunteer who has gone above and beyond providing excellent service that goes beyond their troop. A way to recognize a volunteer’s continued dedication to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.</p>	<p>Currently registered adult member who has provided service for 2 or more years to troops/groups and/or Girl Scout service unit audiences that enhances the work and furthers the goals of the service unit.</p> <p>Provides service that goes beyond the expectations outlined in the position statement or agreement.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer who goes above and beyond, both at the troop and service unit level, and has taken on leadership roles in planning and carrying out special events and programs. • A volunteer who has successfully directed the Girl Scout Day Camp. • A volunteer who provides ongoing training at Service Unit Leadership Team meetings. • A volunteer who has successfully served in a Service Unit Leadership Team position for one or more years. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p> <p>Submit one (1) letter of endorsement describing the outstanding qualities of the candidate and their service to Girl Scouting. <i>(The letter of endorsement must be provided by someone other than the one who is nominating the volunteer.)</i></p> <p>Nominations must be received by the designated due date.</p>

Adult Award Descriptions & Criteria



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<p>Emerald Award Certificate & Pin</p> <p>Recognizes an adult volunteer whose performance in providing service to troops and/or the Girl Scout service unit merits recognition.</p>	<p>Currently registered adult member who has provided service for two or more years to troops/groups and/or Girl Scout service unit audiences that enhances the work and furthers the goals of the service unit.</p> <p>Provides service that goes beyond the expectations outlined in the position statement or agreement.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer who goes above and beyond, both at the troop and service unit level, and has taken on leadership roles in planning and carrying out special events and programs. • A volunteer who has successfully directed the Girl Scout Day Camp. • A volunteer who provides ongoing training at Service Unit Leadership Team meetings. • A volunteer who has successfully served in a Service Unit Leadership Team position for one or more years. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p> <p>Submit one (1) letter of endorsement describing the outstanding qualities of the candidate and their service to Girl Scouting. <i>(The letter of endorsement must be provided by someone other than the one who is nominating the volunteer.)</i></p> <p>Nominations must be received by the designated due date.</p>

Council Awards		
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<p>GSU Family Award</p> <p>Recognizes members of the same household whose performance in providing service to troops and the service unit merits recognition.</p>	<p>Adult and girl members of the same household are currently registered Girl Scouts, the family provides outstanding service in a way that benefits Girl Scouting for two or more years, and the family provides service that goes beyond the expectation of family participation at the troop level.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family who planned and implemented a council program event. • A family who planned and implemented a Leaders’ Day or Thinking Day event at the council level. • A family who organized and directed the Service Unit Cookie Program for two or more years. • A family who carried out leadership roles in planning and coordinating Camporee. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s contributions of service.</p> <p>Nomination must be received by the designated due date.</p>
<p>GSU Legacy of Service Award</p> <p>Recognizes outstanding contributions made by two or more family members who continue the tradition of service within Girl Scouts for two or more generations.</p>	<p>Family members are currently registered members with Girl Scouts of Utah (must be related but need not live in the same household) who provide outstanding service in a way that benefits Girl Scouting over a period of two or more years and goes beyond the expectation of family participation at the troop level. <i>Each individual may participate in a different area or level of service in Girl Scouting.</i></p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mother and her adult daughter or daughter-in-law who plan and implement a service unit program event for two or more years in succession, resulting in improved experiences for girls. • A mother, daughter/son, and granddaughter who all serve the council over a period of two or more years with positions on Service Unit Leadership Teams, task groups, or the Board of Directors. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the family’s contributions of service and outlining the family member’s accomplishments, including specific examples of service given to Girl Scouting.</p> <p>Nomination must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Volunteer of Excellence Pin</p> <p>Recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council’s mission delivery to its members.</p>	<p>An active, registered adult Girl Scout who has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for their position, and has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the GSLE to girls using the National Program Portfolio OR the nominee’s performance has been beyond expectations of their 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 (such as IT, Customer Service, Merchandising, MarComm).</p> <p>The nominee actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Gold Award Mentor who has successfully mentored and supported girls working toward their Gold Award within their service unit. • A volunteer who successfully supports girls within their service unit in understanding, planning, and carrying out Take Action projects that lead to sustainable community betterment. • A GAB Advisor who works over the course of the year with a teen advisory committee of current Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who plan and deliver four performance Day Camps, using content from a Journey targeted to girls in underserved areas of the council. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s accomplishments and outlining how the service performed has benefited the council or Girl Scout Movement, including the scope of service and impact.</p> <p>Nomination must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Appreciation Pin</p> <p>Recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to at least one geographic area, service unit, or program delivery audience.</p>	<p>Must be a currently registered adult Girl Scout volunteer or staff member who provides outstanding service to a geographic area or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the council’s goals and provides service that goes beyond the expectations of the position requirement. The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on one geographic area within the council’s jurisdiction.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who develops and implements a successful family partnership program that exceeds financial goals. • The manager of a highly successful product program sale. • An Outdoor Program Representative whose effective management results in an increase of participation by girls and adults over a period of time at a day camp. • A staff member who has successfully established and supported a variety of program delivery methods in an area that results in increased girl and adult membership from under-represented population. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s accomplishments and outlining the scope and impact of service performed.</p> <p>Submit two (2) letters of endorsement from individuals or groups familiar with the service performed.</p> <p>Nomination and endorsements must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Honor Pin</p> <p>Recognizes an adult volunteer or staff member who has delivered outstanding service to two or more geographic areas or Girl Scout service units.</p>	<p>Currently active, registered Girl Scout adult volunteer or staff member who provides outstanding service to two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences in a way that furthers the council’s goals and provides service that goes beyond the expectations of the position requirements.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who organizes and provides leadership to a successful annual giving campaign that surpasses council financial goals. • A program consultant who implements a series of events and activities that brings girls together from different parts of the council. • A volunteer or staff member who directs a membership outreach task group that results in a significant increase in girl and adult membership in several areas of the council. • A trainer whose events for an area of the council receive consistently high ratings resulting in increased participation by adults from several geographic areas. • A volunteer who has held leadership positions in planning and coordinating two or more council program areas and/or events, such as Camporee, Gold Award Committee, Volunteer Training, council sponsored events, etc. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s accomplishments and outlining the scope of service performed and impact to the Girl Scout service unit or council.</p> <p>Submit three (3) letters of endorsement from individuals or groups familiar with the service performed.</p> <p>Nomination and endorsements must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Freddie Award</p> <p>Recognizes an adult volunteer or staff member who has delivered outstanding service to Girl Scouts of Utah through working with girls and adults in the areas of program and training and has made a significant contribution to other community organizations (church, school, civic, cultural) through holding a leadership position and/or providing long term service to that organization.</p>	<p>Currently registered Girl Scout adult volunteer or staff member who provides outstanding service that benefits both Girl Scouting in Utah and the community at large. A successful candidate has 10 or more years of service to Girl Scouting within Girl Scouts of Utah and/or other Girl Scout councils.</p> <p>Service provided could be but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing leadership to Girl Scout troop(s) of more than one age level, while simultaneously holding a leadership position or providing long-term service to other non-profit organization(s). • Successfully supported a variety of program delivery methods both within Girl Scouting AND within another service organization, such as Kiwanis or Rotary. • Served in the position of a Council Trainer, while also providing long-term service to their church organization (e.g. Sunday School teacher, Young Women Organization, Alter Ministries, Stephen Ministry, etc.) • Served on council task groups or Service Unit Leadership Teams for more than one term and has volunteered on multiple parent committees and school programs within the school district for more than one year. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s accomplishments and outlining how the service performed has benefited the council or Girl Scout Movement.</p> <p>Submit three (3) letters of endorsement: at least 1 letter from an individual associated with Girl Scouting; at least 1 letter from an individual associated with another organization serving the community at large; and 1 additional letter from an individual familiar with the candidate’s service to either Girl Scouting or the service unit at large (or both).</p> <p>Nomination and endorsements must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Thanks Badge</p> <p>Recognizes an adult volunteer whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.</p>	<p>A currently registered adult Girl Scout volunteer or staff member who provides outstanding service that benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement and provides service that is so significantly beyond expectation that no other award is appropriate.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The director of a successful council or regional wide opportunity that results in increased extension and retention of older girls and significant positive publicity for the council. • The chair of the council’s Fund Development Committee who develops and implements a plan that significantly increases the percentage of adult generated funding for the council. • A person who consistently displays high-level policy decision-making and attracts broad participation in policy influencing through the democratic process. • The manager of a training operating unit whose expansion of council training teams and opportunities results in a significant council-wide increase in training effectiveness and participation. • A person who has served as the committee chair for multiple years for multiple council-wide program opportunities, such as Camporee, National Convention, Gold Award Committee, and/or Council Trainer resulting in higher attendance and satisfaction rates among members and encouraging member retention and new member registration. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s accomplishments and outlining how the service performed has benefited the council or the Girl Scout Movement.</p> <p>Submit four (4) letters of endorsement from individuals or groups familiar with the service performed.</p> <p>Nomination and endorsements must be received by the designated due date.</p>

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<p>Thanks Badge II</p> <p>Recognizes an adult volunteer who has already received the Thanks Badge and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.</p>	<p>A currently registered adult Girl Scout volunteer or staff member and previous recipient of the Thanks Badge. Since receipt of the Thanks Badge, the candidate has continued to provide distinguished service that benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement. Individuals nominated have continued to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time, OR increase their sphere of influence, OR use their skills and talents to move into another field of endeavor. They have provided service that is outstanding and is so significant beyond expectation that no other award is appropriate.</p> <p>Potential candidates could be but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A council learning facilitator who, after directing council-wide training events, successfully implements a statewide or regional training event. • A board member whose continuous strong leadership in fund development has resulted in greater financial stability for the council. • An administrative volunteer who initiates a volunteer support system that successfully retains members in the council, and which has been replicated in other councils. 	<p>Submit a nomination describing the volunteer’s accomplishments and outlining how the service performed has benefited the council or the Girl Scout Movement, including the scope of service and impact.</p> <p>Submit four (4) letters of endorsement from individuals or groups familiar with the service performed.</p> <p>Nomination and endorsements must be received by the designated due date.</p>

<p>Years of Membership in Girl Scouting Pin</p> <p>Given to adults in Girl Scouting in recognition of their years of membership at five-year intervals.</p>	<p>Years of membership include every year an individual has been a registered member of GSUSA, girl and adult years combined; years do not have to be consistent or consecutive.</p> <p>Currently registered adult Girl Scout</p> <p>Pins for Years of Membership in Girl Scouting under 50 years should be recognized by the service unit during their annual appreciation & recognition event.</p> <p>Pins for Years of Membership in Girl Scouting 50 years or more will be presented at the council’s Recognition of Excellence.</p>	<p>The Service Unit Leadership Team is to verify the years of membership for adults within their service unit and send the information to council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and last name of Girl Scout member • GSUSA membership identification number (if known) • Address, email, and telephone numbers • Currently registered Girl Scout adult member • Number of years registered as a member of GSUSA in five-year increments.
<p>Years of Service in Girl Scouting Pin</p> <p>Given to adults in Girl Scouting in recognition of their years of volunteer service in five-year increments.</p>	<p>Years of service represent the number of years an adult volunteer has actively provided service and is not based on years of membership. Service does not need to be continuous or consecutive.</p> <p>Currently registered adult Girl Scout</p> <p>Pins for Years of Service in Girl Scouting under 25 years should be recognized by the service unit during their annual appreciation & recognition event.</p> <p>Pins for Years of Service in Girl Scouting 25 years or more will be presented at the council’s Recognition of Excellence.</p>	<p>The Service Unit Leadership Team is to verify the years of membership for adults within their service unit and send the information to council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First and last name of Girl Scout member • GSUSA membership identification number (if known) • Address, email, and telephone numbers • Currently registered Girl Scout adult member • Number of years registered as a member of GSUSA in five-year increments.