

Adult Awards • Nomination Information

The Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Medal

In Girl Scouting, it's not just what girls do, but how adult volunteers engage them in a girl-adult partnership that prepares girls to have courage, be confident and make a positive impact on the world. Through the use of Girl Scout resources, volunteers create teachable moments that turn fun activities into educational experiences.

Whatever your volunteer position, your hard work means the world to girls, to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan staff, and to Girl Scouts of the USA. We're calling on all members of society to help girls reach their full potential, and you've answered that call. So thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Adult Awards are for registered adults who:

- Go above and beyond and exceed expectations for their position description
- Make significant contributions towards the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Key Priorities or the Girl Scout Mission
- Model excellence for girls and adults

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan presents national awards annually to volunteers demonstrating exemplary performance in the delivery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. These awards are based on nominations received by the community, parents and sister Girl Scouts. Nominations are accepted yearlong with a December deadline. We are grateful for all of our adult volunteers' contributions to Girl Scouting and it is our joy to recognize their exemplary service through Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and GSUSA adult awards.

Award nominations will not be accepted from family members or member of a nominee's household. Only one letter of endorsement will be accepted from a family member or member of the nominee's household.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan staff may nominate volunteers, write letters of endorsement, and may also receive nominations.

Our Adult Awards committee reviews all applications. Thank you for taking time to recognize a special volunteer!

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Tips for completing nomination and letter of endorsement forms:

- Complete one nomination form for each award candidate. Make sure all blanks have been completed on the form. (This may require some additional research.)
- Make sure all of your personal information is complete and legible so that we can contact you if we have any questions regarding your submission.
- Include the required number of endorsement letters as noted in the attached award chart.
- It is the nominator's responsibility to request endorsement letters from those familiar with the work and contributions of the nominee. Endorsement letters are not written by the nominator.
- The nominator should follow up with those individuals who have agreed to write letters of endorsement to ensure that letters are received prior to the deadline.
- The nominator should submit nominations and endorsement letters in one packet to their local regional center.
- Nominators will receive notification upon receipt of packet.
- Be accurate and share what the volunteer has done. Include details on the specific action, program, event, level of service or volunteer position. For example: The nominee has given excellent service to ten girls and their families by organizing many field trips, expert speakers, and activities that have gone beyond the normal Girl Scout troop meeting experience.

- If the nominee has received an award in recent years, **be sure to only describe their contributions since receiving the previous award.** For example: The nominee received the Appreciation Pin two years ago. **Since then,** her troop has grown from ten girls to 20, they have organized a community garden as a Take-Action project and as a direct result of her leadership example, the girls help at every area special event.
- Please remember that awards are not given for work that has already been recognized by Adult Awards or GSUSA.
- Attach additional documentation if needed.
- For more information, call an Adult Recruitment and Education Specialist at any Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan regional center at 800-497-2688 (800-49-SCOUT).

Nominations are due December 1, to:
 Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Adult Awards
 Committee
 Your regional address:

Jackson Regional Center 4403 Francis St Jackson, MI 49203 Fax: 517-784-9553	Kalamazoo Regional Center 601 W Maple Kalamazoo, MI 49008 Fax: 269-492-1439
Lansing Regional Center at Wacousta 13287 Wacousta Rd Grand Ledge, MI 48837 Fax: 517-699-9405	Saginaw Regional Center 5470 Davis Rd Saginaw, MI 48604 Fax: 989-799-1450
Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center 444 James L. Hart Pkwy Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Fax: 734-714-3037	

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Key Priorities

Created during a strategic learning process by a team of volunteers, community members, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan staff and board members, these goals tie in with the 15 outcomes of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

By focusing on these key priorities, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan provides girls with fun and life-changing experiences in a safe environment, where they learn to lead, live courageously, and take action in their communities.

Our Key Priorities:

- **Membership** Be the organization of choice for girls, parents, guardians, and volunteers
- **Program** Deliver outcomes-driven programs that support and build membership and resources
- **Funding** Diversify and increase revenue streams for long-term sustainability
- **Culture** Build and sustain a culture that is girl-centered, adaptive, nimble, fun, and rewards taking risks in order to win for girls
- **Brand** Communicate who we are and what we do today to build value and public trust, and to position ourselves as the premier leadership organization for girls

Our Mission and Vision

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We strive to be the premier leadership organization for girls, and experts on their growth and development.

Some helpful definitions:

Pathway a girl's major method of participation in Girl Scouting, (i.e.: classic troop, camp, travel). The majority of her Girl Scout activities focus on this topic.

Girl Scout Area a geographical region of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan in which a volunteer is registered (usually a city/town or school district, where the member resides) represented by a three digit number.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Region one of five geographical regions of Adult Awards named for the Michigan city in which the store and staff are located: Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Saginaw.

Journeys a framework for a girl's Girl Scout experience. This curriculum, developed by Girl Scouts of the USA, is designed to incorporate the benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience into everything girls do – from science experiments, art projects and cooking simple meals to traveling internationally, camping and protecting the planet's water supply.

Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) a bold, inspirational model of leadership that encourages girls to Discover themselves, Connect with their communities, and Take Action to make the world a better place.

Take-Action projects girls identify the root causes of community issues to create needed, thoughtful and sustainable change.

Adult Awards

The Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Medal

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Description

The Juliette Low World Friendship Medal is awarded to individuals and councils who have enriched and leveraged the global understanding of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to develop responsible global citizens. This prestigious national award is approved by the GSUSA National Board of Directors.

Criteria

- Impact on girls: The nominee's efforts include girl involvement, resulting in increased opportunities for girl-led global opportunities and Take Action projects resulting in significant global impact.
- Commitment: The nominee has demonstrated dedication and commitment over a significant amount of time by continuously promoting and expanding the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. The nominee has promoted the Juliette Low World Friendship fund or other global Girl Scouting funding opportunities.
- Global awareness: The nominee has created and promoted resources and opportunities that increase the understanding of the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and the larger community.
- Leadership: The nominee is recognized by girl and adult members, and the larger community, as a leader who leverages the global impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
- Membership: The nominee is a current registered Girl Scout adult member in a council or USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Nomination

A Girl Scout council (includes USAGSO) or individual nominates a candidate or council* that meets all the criteria and has not previously received this award. The GSUSA nomination form is to be completed in full and submitted along with two letters of endorsement describing how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominations may be submitted at any time by mailing the nomination form and endorsement letters to the Vice President of Global Girl Scouting at the address provided on the form. The nomination is presented to the International Commissioner for review. Final approval is by the GSUSA National Board of Directors. Upon approval, the Vice President of Global Girl Scouting will coordinate the presentation of the award to the nominee.

Example of nominee

The first example is an individual with a passion for travel, international volunteering, and Girl Scouting who has served as the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Global Volunteer Liaison for four years. In this role, she was tasked with increasing the global dimension of Girl Scouting throughout both Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and the community at large. She began by collaborating with council membership staff members to identify the most underserved girls in the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan jurisdiction. She found a huge opportunity for growth among Hispanic girls and volunteers, and specifically within the Honduran community, spanning several urban and rural areas. By reaching out to the leaders and those communities, she forged partnerships and led girl and volunteer recruitment efforts that brought a 68 percent increase in girl membership and a 72 percent increase in adult membership over four years.

She also helped launch a twinning opportunity with a Honduran school for daughters of single moms. Through this partnership, the volunteer helped 15 Girl Scouts plan and attend an international trip to Honduras to help build and supply a new library for this school. During her four years as Global Volunteer Liaison, she led two other international trips to World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) World Centers for 35 Girl Scout Ambassadors. She also has spoken and shared her experiences at each bi-annual volunteer enrichment workshop, encouraging and recruiting other Girl Scout volunteers to lead trips to the five WAGGGS World Centers.

In addition to sharing her passion and expertise in global Girl Scouting, this volunteer has been a regular contributor to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and has spoken to 10 local corporations about financial support for the fund.

Another example is a Girl Scout council that identified the need to increase its global impact and awareness of the global aspect of Girl Scouting in its strategic priorities, so it developed a five-year implementation plan.

Throughout those five years, the council created a travel fund to support girl involvement in global Take Action projects and dedicated half of a full-time staff position to coordinating staff and volunteer fundraising efforts for the fund and the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

The council encouraged Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award candidates to think globally. As part of its annual plan, the council hosted an event for award candidates to talk with girls who completed international projects and travel, as well as to talk with potential award sponsors to plan for global impact and sustainability within the project.

The council also sponsored twinning opportunities with organizations in countries that represent the diversity of its girl and adult membership. Throughout a five-year period, the council has actively helped girls plan international trips to the five World Centers and successfully recruited volunteers to lead those trips. Through effective communication of the intercultural aspects of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding, this council has become a leader for cultural awareness and global action in the community. A page on its web site is dedicated to sharing successes of its girls and volunteers in regard to global efforts. It also offers a course about global Girl Scouting for existing volunteers and community partners, and it provides girl and volunteer speakers at community events.

Adult Awards • Individual Nomination Form

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Name of person completing nomination form: _____

Best way to contact you : email: _____ phone: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Is the nominee a current member of Girl Scouts? Yes No Not Sure

In an attached document, please explain how the nominee has met the following criteria:

1. Describe how the nominee provides and promotes girl-led global opportunities and global Take Action Projects. Please include the significant impact of these projects and how girls are involved in the planning process.
2. Describe how the nominee demonstrates a long-term commitment and dedication to promoting and expanding the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
3. Describe how the nominee supports and promotes the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund or other Girl Scouts of the USA global funding opportunities.
4. Describe resources and activities that the nominee created, promoted, and implemented to increase the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and the larger community.
5. Describe how the nominee has been recognized over the past several years—by a council, girl and adult members, and the larger community—as a leader who leverages the global understanding and impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

Please list the names and contact information for individuals submitting letters of endorsement. Please include the letter of nomination when requesting a letter of endorsement.

Name: _____ Contact information: _____

Name: _____ Contact information: _____

Signature of person submitting nomination: _____ Date: _____

**Please send all documentation to: Vice President of Global Girl Scouting,
Girl Scouts of the USA, 420 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10025.**

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GSUSA National Board of Directors' decision:

Approved Denied Pending, more information required

If pending, please describe the information required: _____

Signature of International Commissioner: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Vice President of Global Scouting: _____ Date: _____

Plan for award presentation:

Adult Awards • Council Nomination Form

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Name of person completing nomination form: _____

Best way to contact you : email: _____ phone: _____

Are you a member of Girl Scouts? Yes No

If yes, what is your position? _____

Council Name: Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
601 West Maple Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
800-49-SCOUT

Does Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan hold a current Girl Scout charter? Yes No Not sure

Is this a USA girl Scouts Overseas location? Yes No

In an attached document, please explain how the nominee has met the following criteria:

1. Describe how Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan or USAGSO location provides and promotes girl-led global opportunities and global Take Action Projects. Please include the significant impact of these projects and how girls are involved in the planning process.
2. Describe how Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan or USAGSO location demonstrates a long-term commitment and dedication to promoting and expanding the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
3. Describe how Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan or USAGSO location supports and promotes the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund or other Girl Scouts of the USA global funding opportunities.
4. Describe resources and activities that Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan or USAGSO location created, promoted, and implemented to increase the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and the larger community.
5. Describe how Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan or USAGSO location has been recognized over the past several years—by a council, girl and adult members, and the larger community—as a leader who leverages the global understanding and impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

Please list the names and contact information for individuals submitting letters of endorsement. Please include the letter of nomination when requesting a letter of endorsement.

Name: _____ Contact information: _____

Name: _____ Contact information: _____

Signature of person submitting nomination: _____ Date: _____

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If pending, please describe the information required: _____

Signature of International Commissioner: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Vice President of Global Scouting: _____ Date: _____

Plan for award presentation:

Adult Awards • Endorsement Cover Letter

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For Individual and Council nominations.

Along with the nomination form describing the volunteer's accomplishments, please include this cover page in front of the two (2) endorsement letters describing the outstanding leadership qualities of the nominee.

Name of endorser: _____

Best way to contact you : email: _____ phone: _____

Name of nominee/council: _____

Nominee/council Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

What is your relationship to the nominee/council?: _____

- Please attach a letter that states, in 100 words or more, your reasons for endorsing this nomination. Please read the nominator's letter and include specific ways the nominee has met the criteria for the award checked above and any other comments that may be helpful.

Signature of endorser: _____ Date: _____