

## Adult Awards • Nomination Information

# President's Award

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!

### 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:

<b>Jackson Regional Center</b> 4403 Francis St Jackson, MI 49203 Fax: 517- 784-9553	<b>Kalamazoo Regional Center</b> 601 W Maple Kalamazoo, MI 49008 Fax: 269-492-1439
<b>Lansing Regional Center at Wacousta</b> 13287 Wacousta Rd Grand Ledge, MI 48837 Fax: 517-699-9405	<b>Saginaw Regional Center</b> 5470 Davis Rd Saginaw, MI 48604 Fax: 989-799-1450
<b>Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor Regional Center</b> 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.

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# President's Award

**Nominations are due December 1.**

### Description

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 the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan overall goals.

### Criteria

- All Girl Scout team members are registered Girl Scouts.
- All Girl Scout team members have met all requirements and expectations of the positions held.
- The service delivery team has significantly contributed to meeting one or more of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Key Priority goals.
- The service delivery team reflects the diversity of the target audience or area it serves, in girl and adult membership, in all pathways offered.
- The service delivery team actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

### Nomination

A nomination packet is completed and submitted to the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Adult Awards committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. The Adult Awards committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it.

### Example of nominee

Members of a service delivery team saw the need to better communicate information and opportunities to girls and adults in their area, so they organized a group of 15 teens and five volunteers, representing all communities in their jurisdiction, to create new communication strategies using social media (including Facebook, Twitter, and NING). As a result, 36 percent more girls attended their local events, 90 percent of open area team positions were filled, and Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan gained 1,350 friends on Facebook.

# President's Award

Name of person completing nomination form: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you:  email: \_\_\_\_\_  phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominated team: \_\_\_\_\_

Team lead name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all team members current members of Girl Scouts?  Yes  No  Not Sure

Have all team members completed the requirements for their positions?  Yes  No  Not Sure

Does this team reflect the diversity of the target audience or area it serves, in girl and adult membership, in all pathways offered?  Yes  No  Not Sure

Please attach the following supporting documentation to indicate how the team meets the criteria for this award:

Three letters of endorsement

Awards previously received:

- Outstanding Leader/Volunteer     Appreciation Pin     Thanks Badge     The Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Medal
- Volunteer of Excellence     Honor Pin     Thanks Badge II
- Community Spirit Pin     Green Heart Pin     President's Award

In a letter of 100 words or more, describe current program impact (description of work performed/outcomes generated since last award received).

- If the nominee worked directly with girls, please describe how she/he has provided outstanding service to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through the National Program Portfolio. Give pertinent facts, dates, and Girl Scout areas or regions served or benefited. Include specific data, if known. (i.e. number of increased memberships, number of girls benefited, number of adults trained)
- If the nominee worked indirectly to support the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan mission and goals, please describe the specific impact made in one or more of the following functional areas:  
     Community Cultivation      Fund Development      Program  
     Council Support Services      Membership Development

Attach additional pages, if necessary.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult Awards Committee/Area Team decision:

Approved       Denied       Pending, more information required

If pending, please describe the information required: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of committee/team chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Board approval:  Approved     Denied    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Awards • Endorsement Cover Letter**

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Along with the nomination form describing the team's accomplishments, please include this cover page in front of the three (3) endorsement letters describing the outstanding leadership qualities of the nominated team.

Name of endorser: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you :  email: \_\_\_\_\_  phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_