













Adult Awards Overview

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and Girl Scouts of the USA offer several awards for adult volunteers who go above and beyond in their roles, whether through the impact of their work or their years of dedicated service. These volunteers make outstanding contributions that embody the Foundational Elements of Girl Scouting and serve as inspiring role models for our Girl Scouts. To be eligible for an Adult Award (except for Friend of Girl Scouting), the adult must be an active, registered Girl Scout in good standing with Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

Award & who may qualify	What the award recognizes	Examples
Community Spirit Pin Any Girl Scout volunteer member 	Outstanding service to help one or more service units or geographic area reach and surpass their mission-delivery goals for two or more years. 1 nomination/2 endorsement letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer organized events supporting community shelter. • Connected three service units together to participate in these events. • Over 2000 items were collected over the two year project.
Volunteer of Excellence Any Girl Scout volunteer member 	Outstanding service in delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in partnership with girls, or outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to adult members for at least three years. 1 nomination/2 endorsement letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader for three years. • Invites other troops to participate in community service projects with them. • Follows 4 pillars of GSLE each year (STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, Entrepreneurship).
Appreciation Pin Any Girl Scout volunteer member 	Outstanding service to help a single service unit or geographic area reach and surpass their mission-delivery goals. 1 nomination/2 endorsement letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with staff to increase diversity in girl membership. • Works with outside community to grow GS (represents at community groups). • Hosts recruitment events and mentor new leaders.
Friend of Girl Scouting Certificate community/business partner 	Supporting Girl Scouting at the service unit, regional, or council level with helping Girl Scouting flourish and grow. 1 nomination/2 endorsement letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community center provides free meeting space for troops, service unit events, and recruitment events. • Community center provides a space for regional programs and workshops and is open to girls in multiple service units. • Local community college has provided training space for council-wide trainings for the past three years.

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Green Heart Pin Any Girl Scout volunteer member 	<p>Outstanding service to help more than one or more service units or geographic area reach and surpass their mission-delivery goals for five or more years.</p> <p>1 nomination/2 endorsement letters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUM for 5+ years. Built SU team that helps to deliver GSLE each year. Helped to increase membership by 100% each year, and created sustainable take action projects at each school in their SU footprint.
Honor Pin Any Girl Scout volunteer member 	<p>Outstanding service to help more than one service unit or geographic area reach and surpass their mission-delivery goals</p> <p>1 nomination/3 endorsement letters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with staff to increase support in multiple service units. Work with staff to create a training pathway for new leaders (helped to train how to lead journeys). Increase in troop/SU participation in completing badges, in turn more girls participating in GSLE.
Thanks Badge Any Girl Scout volunteer member 	<p>Ongoing commitment, leadership and service which has an exceptional, measurable impact on the mission-delivery goals of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement.</p> <p>1 nomination/3 endorsement letters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with staff to increase support in multiple service units and other pathways (ex: camp). Involved several SU's in completing a Take Action project to improve pathway. Project involved increasing girl membership, resulting in 25 new troops council-wide.
Thanks Badge II Any Girl Scout volunteer member who has received the Thanks Badge 	<p>Ongoing commitment, leadership and service which has an exceptional, measurable impact on the mission-delivery goals of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement.</p> <p>1 nomination/4 endorsement letters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to GSUSA how they partnered with staff to increase support in multiple service units and other pathways (ex: camp). Worked with other councils to share Take Action project plans and continued them at all of our properties. Project involved increasing girl membership across GSUSA, involving 30 other councils and created a GSUSA membership increase.
President's Award Any Girl Scout service unit team 	<p>Exemplary service in support of mission delivery, surpassing team goals and resulting in significant, measurable impact toward reaching overall council goals for at least three years.</p> <p>1 nomination/3 endorsement letters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership team worked with all of their service units to increase communication with their communities. 40% increase in community participation in Girl Scout events. Adding 1500 new girl members and 200 new troop leaders, resulting in 100 new troops council wide.
Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Medal Individuals and councils (approved by GSUSA National Board of Directors) 	<p>Enriched and leveraged the global understanding of Girl Scouting to develop responsible global citizens.</p> <p>1 GSUSA nomination/2 endorsement letters *ask education@gshom.org for more info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efforts involve global girl-led opportunities, and promoted Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. Created and promoted resources and opportunities that increase the understanding of the global Girl Scout/Girl Guide community. Led several trips to WAGGGS World Centers, and developed Take Action projects to increase global impact of Girl Scouting world-wide.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What time frame are we reviewing when nominating someone?

The previous membership year (October 1-September 30)

When are nomination packets due?

January 15th

When can I start to turn in nomination packets?

Today! The earlier nomination packets are turned in, the more time you'll have to nominate other folks to show how grateful you are for their contributions to Girl Scouting!

Why is the process so rigorous?

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Girl Scouts, and we take pride in recognizing our members for their commitment, volunteer service, and exceptional contributions. The continued celebration of service depends on you to nominate volunteers and local members of your communities. Thank you for the enthusiasm you bring to the adult awards program.

How do I know if and when they will receive the award?

The Adult Awards Committee reviews each nomination carefully to make sure your nominee receives the right award. If we have any questions we will contact you directly for more information. When the award is approved and we are sending out invitations to our adult awards ceremony (held in the spring each year), we will notify you, the nominator, so you can invite your fellow volunteers to celebrate together at the adult awards ceremony!

I have questions. Who should I contact?

You can reach out to education@gshom.org for any questions regarding adult awards, or contact our Help Desk at 1-800-497-2688 or helpdesk@gshom.org.