

Adult Awards & Recognitions



Every day, Girl Scout volunteers like you make it possible for girls to benefit from adventures having a skill-building, lead-taking, life-changing, good time.



Without your commitment to unleashing the G.I.R.L. (go-getter, innovator, risk-taker, leader)™ in every girl, we would not be the largest girls' leadership organization in the world.

But we are. Thanks to you.

These awards and recognitions are a great way to pay tribute to our volunteers and community partners. Volunteers can be nominated for awards and recognitions by the council or by their peers.

All candidates should be registered members and have completed the appropriate training. Requirements are listed in this flyer.

Nominations are due online by Monday, April 30, 2018.

Awards and recognitions are reviewed by a volunteer committee and presented by the council at the Volunteer Kick Off.

If you have any questions about volunteer recognitions, contact gshelper@comgirlscouts.org



We encourage you to nominate fellow volunteers for their wonderful accomplishments and we thank you for those efforts ahead of time. All nominations are to be completed online at **www.comgirlscouts.org**, then click on Volunteer > Adult Awards and Recognition.

Recognition	Who to Consider	Criteria	Nomination Procedure
Volunteer of Excellence	The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through the use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.	 The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout in good standing. The nominee has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for the position. The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the GSLE to girls using the National Program Portfolio, or has been above and beyond the expectations of the 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 or Council Support Service. 	A nomination form is completed and submitted online to the council's recognition committee indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.
Appreciation Pin	The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). This service, which has had measurable impact on at least one service unit, contributes to expanding the council's reach and surpassing its missiondelivery goals for that area.	 The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout in good standing. The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and has made an impact on at least one service unit within the council's jurisdiction. 	A nomination form is completed and submitted online to the council's recognition committee indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.
Honor Pin	The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), and has had a measurable impact on two or more service units, contributing to the goals of the council to reach and surpass its missiondelivery.	 The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout in good standing. The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and has made an impact on two or more service units within the council's jurisdiction. 	A nomination form is completed and submitted online to the council's recognition committee indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.



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 who translate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls and young women across Central Virginia.

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Thanks Badge	The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service has had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the missiondelivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.	 The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout in good standing. The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate. 	A nomination form is completed and submitted online to the council's recognition committee indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.
Thanks II Badge	The Thanks II Badge honors a previous Thanks Badge recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement.	 The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout in good standing. The nominee has received the Thanks Badge. The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate. 	A nomination form is completed and submitted online to the council's recognition committee indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.
Membership Numerals and Years of Service Pins	These two appreciation pins are earned recognitions by volunteers. These pins are available in five-year intervals. For those who receive a 20 year or higher pin, GSCV will purchase and award these pins at the Volunteer Kick Off Event.	The membership numerals recognize the individual for combined years of membership both as a girl and adult member. The years of service pin recognizes years of volunteer service given as a registered adult member only.	These recognitions do not require endorsement. The volunteer wishing to receive the pins completes the online request form.
Community Award	The Community Award certificate formally acknowledges individuals, businesses, organizations, churches, schools, or other agencies who have given special or consistent support to Girl Scouting. Recipients will receive a certificate recognizing their contribution.	The organization or individual has given special or consistent support to Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia.	A nomination form is completed and submitted online to the council indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. Certificates will be mailed to the nominator. Nominators should plan an appropriate presentation ceremony for the honoree.



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Nominate a Volunteer Today!

All nominations are submitted online at www.comgirlscouts.org, then click on Volunteer > Adult Awards and Recognitions.

For assistance with the nomination process email gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.



Nomination Submissions should include:

- Name of nominee (award recipient) and their current position in Girl Scouting
- Title of Adult Award or Recognition
- How the nominator knows the nominee
- An explanation of how the nominee has met the level of service required to receive the specific award
- Examples of the nominee's performance which explain how the service was beyond what others in the same position have done
- An explanation of how the nominee's contribution has benefited Girl Scouting
- Name of nominator (person submitting), phone and email

FAQs:

Who can nominate for an award?

Anyone can! That's right, parents, girls, volunteers, council staff, and even a community member. The person who nominates a volunteer needs to know the award criteria and how the volunteer has impacted Girl Scouts or the community.

When and where are awards given to volunteers?

Volunteers are recognized in front of their peers at the Volunteer Kick Off in August.

Who can receive an award?

Any registered adult volunteer in good standing. Any volunteer receiving an award must be following the council's policies and guidelines. As an award recipient, they are being held up as a role model. Good standing status means: The volunteer has met all eligibility for being an appointed volunteer including being a registered member and having a current background check (if their role requires one).

Who reviews award nominations?

A volunteer selection committee with representation from across the council reviews the nominations and makes decisions based on how the information presented fits the criteria for the award.