

# Volunteer Awards and Recognitions

## Your talents and experience change Girl Scouts' lives!

Every day, Girl Scout volunteers like you put your skills to good use while you develop new strengths, build community and connection, and make a meaningful, lasting difference in the lives of Girl Scouts. Because of you, Girl Scouts in our communities can explore freely, expand their perspectives, and discover the unimaginable.

Volunteer awards and recognitions are our way to pay tribute to the power of you. Volunteers can be nominated for awards or recognitions on the council or national level, by the council, or by their peers.

All candidates should be registered members, have completed the appropriate training, and have performed at a level exceeding expectations for the position. Requirements are listed in this flyer.

**Nominations open May 1 and are due December 15 each year.** National and council awards are reviewed by volunteer and staff task groups and are presented at an event in the spring.

If you have any questions about volunteer awards, contact Customer Care at 800-565-4475 or [customercare@gswise.org](mailto:customercare@gswise.org).

## To be sure nominations are appropriate and timely:

- Recruit a service unit award and recognition chairperson or committee.
- Review the award criteria for the appropriate award(s).
- Review the recognitions previously received by the candidate with your Membership Experience Specialist.
- Ensure the candidate has not been previously recognized for the same body of work.
- Use the Nomination Form and Letter of Endorsement found at [gswise.org](http://gswise.org). Must be written by two different people.
- Turn in submissions by the deadline date of December 15.

We encourage you to nominate fellow volunteers for their wonderful accomplishments and we thank you for those efforts ahead of time. 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 craft experiences for Girl Scouts to make friends, test their strengths, and be their best selves.

Find the Nomination Form and Letter of Endorsement on our website at [www.gswise.org/volunteerawards](http://www.gswise.org/volunteerawards), and in Rallyhood in the Forms & Links section.

# Membership Numerals and Years of Service Pins

Each year, GSWISE purchases membership numerals and years of service pins to recognize the service of our volunteers. If you have been a registered adult member of Girl Scouts for five or more years, you are eligible to receive a membership numeral and/or years of service pin. During the January and/or February service unit meetings, volunteers will be asked to indicate which pin they are eligible for. The service unit awards committee may want to include those volunteers receiving membership numerals or Volunteer of Excellence pins at their special year-end celebrations. Year pins are available in five year intervals (5, 10, 15, etc.). You may also find a Year Pin Request Form in Rallyhood.

## Membership Numerals

Represents years of membership in Girl Scouting as a registered girl and adult combined.






## Years of Service Pin



Recognizes years of volunteer service given as a registered adult member only.



# National Awards

Recognition	Who to Consider	Criteria	Nomination Procedures
 <p>Thanks Badge II</p>	<p>The Thanks Badge II 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The nominee has received the Thanks Badge for past accomplishments.</li> <li>The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form explaining contribution of nominee and its significance to Girl Scouting.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> </ul>
 <p>Thanks Badge</p>	<p>The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the Girl Scout movement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form explaining contribution of nominee and its significance to Girl Scouting.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> </ul>
 <p>Honor Pin</p>	<p>The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout mission, which has had measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on two or more geographic area service units within the council's jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form explaining contribution of nominee and its significance to Girl Scouting.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> </ul>

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Recognition	Who to Consider	Criteria	Nomination Procedures
<p>Appreciation Pin</p> 	<p>The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout mission. This service, which has had measurable impact on one geographic area of service, helps the council reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals for that area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and made an impact on one geographic/service unit within the council's jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form explaining contribution of nominee.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> </ul>
<p>Volunteer of Excellence Award</p> 	<p>The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with Girl Scouts in any pathway through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to Girl Scouts and adult members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The nominee has successfully completed a term of service in all requirements for the position.</li> <li>The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver outstanding experiences to Girl Scouts using the National Program Portfolio.</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nominee's performance has been 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, and council support service.</li> <li>The nominee actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Troop members, families, Girl Scouts or other Girl Scout volunteers, or members of related organizations need to submit Nomination Form.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> </ul>
<p>President's Award</p>	<p>The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service-delivery team or committee whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout mission surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All team members are registered Girl Scouts.</li> <li>All team members have met requirements and expectations of the positions held.</li> <li>The team has significantly contributed to meeting one or more of the council's mission-delivery goals.</li> <li>The team reflects the diversity of the target audience or area it serves, in Girl Scout and adult membership, in all pathways.</li> <li>The team actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form with supporting documentation explaining contribution of service team or program delivery team, and its significance to Girl Scouting.</li> </ul>

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# Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast Council Awards

Recognition	Who to Consider	Criteria	Nomination Procedures
Living Her Legacy Award	Recognizes a troop leader who started a troop as kindergarten Daisies and continued the same troop/group of Girl Scouts until they became graduated Ambassadors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a registered adult Girl Scout at the time of nomination.</li> <li>Be the troop leader of a troop that is graduating the following spring or graduated the previous spring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a completed Nomination Form.</li> <li><i>No endorsement is required for this award, but one or more may be submitted to be shared with the troop leader.</i></li> </ul>
Troop Leader Core Awards	These awards coincide with the 5 Troop Leader Expectations. Each award is earned individually and can be earned each year.	<p>Award 1 Register 100% of your troop and two or more adults during Early Registration.</p> <p>Award 2 Participate as a troop in both the Fall Product Program &amp; Cookie Program.</p> <p>Award 3 Set up a year plan in the Volunteer Toolkit.</p> <p>Award 4 Complete all recommended and required training.</p> <p>Award 5 Turn in Troop ACH Form &amp; Cash Report on time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Council staff will determine in October who has earned each award for the previous membership year and notify the recipients.</i></li> </ul>
Marion Chester Read Award	For volunteers who have received the Thanks Badge and are still showing additional support to Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The nominee has demonstrated noteworthy volunteerism, modeled the Girl Scout spirit, and shared their skills and talents to advance the Girl Scout mission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a completed Nomination Form explaining the contribution of the nominee and its significance to Girl Scouting.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> <li>Additional Letters of Endorsement are welcome, but not required.</li> </ul>
Sustained Service Pin	<p>Awarded to an individual who has continued to volunteer at the Service Unit level an additional three years after receiving a GSUSA or GSWISE award.</p> <p><i>If a volunteer is eligible for another GSUSA or GSWISE award, they should be nominated for that award instead.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>The nominee has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the areas of advancing participation in meaningful programs and inspiring service and community partnership.</li> <li>The service performed by the nominee has remained above and beyond the expectations of any position held and has continued to help the council reach or surpass its strategic priorities for at least one service unit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a completed Nomination Form explaining the contribution of the nominee and its significance to Girl Scouting.</li> <li>One completed Letter of Endorsement is required.</li> <li>Additional Letters of Endorsement are welcome, but not required.</li> </ul>

## Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast Council Awards

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Community Support Certificate	Recognizes a business or organization that has given unusual assistance or special contributions to Girl Scouting within our jurisdiction.	The business has provided support to the troop, service unit, or entire council for at least two years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form explaining the contribution of the nominee and its significance to troops, service units, or the entire council.</li> <li><i>No endorsement is required for this award, but one or more may be submitted to be shared with the nominee.</i></li> </ul>
Girl Scout Champion Award	Recognizes an individual who does not currently hold a volunteer role and has given special assistance or contributions to Girl Scouting within our jurisdiction.	The nominee has provided support to the troop, service unit, or entire council for at least two years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit completed Nomination Form explaining the contribution of the nominee and its significance to troops, service units, or the entire council.</li> <li><i>No endorsement is required for this award, but one or more may be submitted to be shared with the nominee.</i></li> </ul>

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