

GSUSA Awards – Overseas Committee Approved



Outstanding Leader Award

(Generic Nomination Form 382a98 and Endorsement Letter Form 383 – pages A7-A11)

Purpose: To recognize Troop/Group leaders, assistant troop/group leaders, or group coordinators whose performance in working with girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition by the service team or program delivery team.

Criteria for selection:

1. The candidate is an adult member registered with GSUSA and has served as a leader or assistant leader for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.
2. The candidate has completed Girl Scout Leader Development training.
3. The candidate has completed 3 or more additional training courses or workshops related to increasing leadership skills.
4. The candidate participates in neighborhood meeting and programs maintaining a good working relationship with the service team.
5. The candidate registers and involves 50% or more the parents and guardians in the ongoing work of the troop.
6. The candidate encourages troop members to participate in neighborhood, cluster, and council events and programs; national and international opportunities; day camp and resident camp.
7. The girls and adults in the troop actively use troop government on a continuous basis.
8. The candidate uses appropriate level handbook to assure a well rounded Girl Scout program in the troop.
9. The candidate keeps appropriate records and when applicable, submits reports on or before the due dates.

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Outstanding Volunteer Award

(serving in a role other than a leader)

(Nomination Form 382 or Generic Nomination Form 382a98 and Endorsement Letter Form 383 – pages A6-A11)

Purpose: To recognize an adult in a position other than leader OR in addition to leader, whose service benefits a geographic or program delivery unit in a way that is beyond the expectations for the position.

Criteria for selection:

1. The candidate is an adult member registered with GSUSA and is serving in a capacity other than a leader.
2. The candidate has received appropriate training for the position held, or has equivalent experience.
3. The service performed by the candidate is of benefit to the neighborhood and is beyond the expectations for the position held to an extent that warrants neighborhood recognition.

Examples of possible candidates (might include but not limited to):

- A neighborhood event director who has managed a successful event.
- An area day camp director who has run a day camp successfully that participation has increased over a two-year period.
- An outstanding liaison for girls registering individually in a neighborhood.
- A person who has tenure with the service team and consistently high level of performance.
- A neighborhood product sales manager who has efficiently promoted, managed and reported on at least two product sales.

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Appreciation Pin

(Generic Nomination Form 382a98 and Endorsement Letter Form 383 – pages A7-A11)

Criteria For Selection:

1. The candidate is an active adult member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA either as a volunteer or employed staff member.
2. The service performed by the candidate is outstanding, above and beyond the expectations for the position held, is delivered to at least one Overseas Committee, and has contributed to the goals and objectives of the Girl Scout unit(s).

Examples of possible candidates: (might include, but are not limited to)

The director of an outstanding local day camp or program event.

The Overseas Committee Chair whose management of a neighborhood results in an increase in membership ratio in all groups and a stable retention pattern over several years, and/or outstanding delivery of Girl Scout program.

An adult who works directly with girls so well that the result is an increase in the membership retention rate.

A person who has been particularly effective in conducting learning opportunities for persons in adult positions.



Honor Pin

(Generic Nomination Form 382a98 and Endorsement Letter Form 383 – pages A7-A11)

Criteria for selection:

1. The candidate is an active adult member registered with GSUSA, either as a volunteer staff or employed staff member.
2. The service performed by the candidate is outstanding and beyond the expectations of the position held, and is delivered in two or more neighborhoods and contributes to the goals and objectives of GSUSA.

Examples of possible candidates: (might include but not limited to)

An individual who manages consistently successful program events including areas outside the neighborhood or Overseas Committee.

The director of a successful day camp that includes two or more neighborhoods or Overseas Committees.

A training manager or trainer whose events include other neighborhoods or Overseas Committees and receive consistently high ratings resulting in increased participation by adults from several neighborhoods or Overseas Committees.

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Thanks Badge

(Generic Nomination Form 382a98 and Endorsement Letter Form 383 – pages A7-A11)

Criteria for selection:

1. The candidate is an active adult member registered with GSUSA, either as volunteer staff or employed staff member.
2. The service performed by the candidate is truly outstanding, benefits 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.

Examples of possible candidates (might include but not limited to):

An individual who, over a period of time, supervises a council-wide encampment or wider opportunity resulting in membership retention and continuous delivery of Girl Scout program.

An individual who initiates and successfully manages the extension of Girl Scouting to unserved populations within the council's jurisdiction, such as ethnic groups, previously unserved girls with disabilities, etc.

An individual who carries a policy decision-making role at a consistently high level.

An individual who contributes significantly to the total Girl Scout organization in the delivery of Girl Scout program on an operational level.



Thanks Badge II for Continuing Service

(Generic Nomination Form 382a98 and Endorsement Letter Form 383 – pages A7-A11)

Criteria for selection:

1. The candidate is an active adult member registered with GSUSA, either as a volunteer staff or employed staff member.
2. The service performed is the same as that for the **THANKS BADGE** - "It is truly outstanding, benefits 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". Additionally, this award might acknowledge outstanding performance that surpasses the earlier achievement. It is a way of saying thanks again to an outstanding individual who has contributed greatly to Girl Scouting.

Examples of possible candidates: (might include but not limited to)

The candidate has continued to service the council at the same high level of performance for an extended period of time since receipt of the Thanks Badge.

The candidate's sphere of influence has increased since receipt of the Thanks Badge.

A candidate who, after years as an outstanding council trainer, worked for a time as a national volunteer trainer.