



Adult Recognitions at a Glance 2020-2021 in recognition of service performed 10/1/2019-9/30/2020

This document describes all formal Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England (GSSNE) adult volunteer recognitions awarded at the Council and Service Unit level. Recognitions are based on length and level of service and are awarded progressively. All recognition nominations and endorsements must be submitted online; no paper submissions will be accepted. **All nominations and endorsements must be submitted by April 19, 2021 and should be in recognition of service performed 10/1/2019-9/30/2020.** For questions regarding the recognition process, please contact customercare@gssne.org.

HOW TO BEGIN

Consider if the volunteer has previously received an award. Perhaps a Council-level award such as “Volunteer of Excellence” would be a good choice leaving room for a GSUSA award in the future. If you would like more information on a volunteer’s previous recognitions, please contact customercare@gssne.org.



Recognition nominations and endorsements are presented to the Volunteer Recognition Committee for approval and selection. The Committee may request more information about a nominee before approval. After the Committee has approved each nomination, the person nominating the candidate will be notified. Please use this helpful information when preparing a nomination: How to [Complete](#) a Successful Nomination, How to [Write](#) a Letter of Endorsement and [Sample Letter](#) of Endorsement.

APPEAL PROCESS

In the event that your nominee is not approved, you may submit additional information within five business days (latest date: April 26, 2020) for further consideration.


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 Rising Star Award	An active troop leader or co-leader who hits the ground running and exceeds expectations for any first-year volunteer. Demonstrates outstanding performance, provides a well-rounded program which develops girls of courage, confidence and character. This adult volunteer has been involved for a short time but has made an impact on her Troop, Service Unit or geographic area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ Volunteered a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 14 months ▪ Completed all requirements for the position and demonstrated competence ▪ Participated in at least 2 meetings or programs beyond the troop ▪ Actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior ▪ Performed at a level that exceeds expectations for the position to deliver the GSLE to girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires two endorsements ▪ This award is presented at the Service Unit Level 								
 Volunteer of Excellence	Volunteers who actively give valuable service to Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ Supports the delivery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience ▪ Completed appropriate trainings ▪ Performed at a level that exceeds expectations of his/her position description for one of the following areas: <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>✓ Membership</td> <td>✓ Fund Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ Community Development</td> <td>✓ Council Support Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ Communications</td> <td>✓ Volunteer Support</td> </tr> <tr> <td>✓ Program Marketing</td> <td>✓ Leadership & Governance</td> </tr> </table> 	✓ Membership	✓ Fund Development	✓ Community Development	✓ Council Support Development	✓ Communications	✓ Volunteer Support	✓ Program Marketing	✓ Leadership & Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires two endorsements ▪ This award is presented at the Service Unit Level
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 <p>Kit Hammett Award</p>	<p>Registered adult member who has held two or more positions for at least two years exceeding the expectations held and benefits one or more Service Units within Council jurisdiction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ The candidate has held two or more positions for at least two years ▪ The service performed by the candidate exceeds the expectations for the positions held and benefits one or more Service Units within the Council jurisdiction and contributes to the Council's goals and objectives ▪ Candidate must be trained, if applicable, for the positions held 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award. ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires two endorsements ▪ This award is presented at the Annual Meeting
<p>Mira Hoffman Award</p>	<p>Awarded in recognition of outstanding contributions to the work of the Council and exemplifies the finest spirit of Girl Scouting.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires two endorsements ▪ This award is presented at the Annual Meeting
<p>Special Supporter Award</p>	<p>Awarded to honor a group or individual who has supported Girl Scouting in the community within the GSSNE jurisdiction.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate a special supporter for this award ▪ This award is presented at the Annual Meeting

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 <p>Volunteer Years of Service Pin</p>	<p>This is a self-nominating award given in (5) five-year increments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ The candidate is a registered adult who accepts the principles and beliefs of the Girl Scout organization ▪ The candidate has been an active member giving service to Girl Scouts for at least 5 years or more ▪ The total number of years of active adult service does not have to be consecutive; however, they will only be recognized in (5) five-year increments 	<p>This award is given in (5) five-year increments</p> <p><u>5-10 years of service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominations are submitted to the Service Unit Manager or to Council Staff by an individual herself/himself (self-nominating), or by an individual or group familiar with the candidate's adult years of service ▪ Presented at the Service Unit level <p><u>15 years and up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominations are submitted to the Recognitions Committee by a person herself/himself (self-nominating), or by an individual or group familiar with the candidate's adult years of service ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting
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<p>Milestones of Membership Pin</p>	<p>This is a self-nominating award given in (5) five-year increments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This award is given in (5) five-year increments ▪ Adults can purchase the five year increment numeral guard for girl and adult membership years ▪ 5-45 years presented at the Service Unit level ▪ Volunteers with 50 or more years will be recognized at the Annual Meeting 	<p>This award is given in (5) five-year increments</p> <p><u>5-45 years and up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominations are submitted to the Service Unit Manager or to Council Staff by a person herself/himself (self-nominating), or by an individual or group familiar with the candidate's adult years of service ▪ Presented at the Service Unit level <p><u>50 years and up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominations are submitted to the Recognitions Committee by an individual herself/himself (self-nominating), or by an individual or group familiar with the candidate's adult years of service ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting

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Ruth Haslegrave Milestones of Membership Award	This is a self-nominating award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This award is given for 75 years of membership with Girl Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-nominating award ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting
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GSUSA Adult Recognitions

Volunteer recognition pins are awarded based on an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), which has had measurable impact on one (or more) geographic areas of service, allowing the Council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

Recognition	Who	Criteria	Nomination
 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 (1) one geographic area of service, helps the Council reach and surpasses its mission-delivery goals for that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and made an impact on one geographic area with the Council's jurisdiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires two endorsements ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting

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 <p>Honor Pin</p>	<p>The Honor Pin recognizes an individual’s exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), which has had measurable impact on (2) 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"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ The service performed by the candidate, above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and is delivered to at least two or more geographic divisions or Service Units within the Council jurisdiction, and contributes to the Council’s goals and objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires three endorsements ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting
 <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 entire Girl Scout Movement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires four endorsements ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting
 <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"> ▪ Registered, active Girl Scout adult volunteer member ▪ The nominee has received the Thanks Badge ▪ The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer member for this award ▪ Requires one nomination ▪ Requires four endorsements ▪ Presented at the Annual Meeting