

GSUSA Thanks Badge

Deadline: Submit to Council Recognition Review Committee no later than February 15th at 5:00pm

The GSUSA Thanks Badge recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to the entire Council or the entire Girl Scout movement.



Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout volunteer.
2. The candidate has taken a leadership role at the Council level during the previous four years in one or more of the following areas:
 - Increasing membership growth and retention
 - Increasing the percentage of adult-generated funding in the total Council income
 - Increasing innovative program opportunities Council wide
 - Developing broad participation in policy influencing through the democratic process
 - Ensuring that inclusive behavior is recognized, understood, and practiced at all levels

Nomination and Approval Procedures

1. An individual or group familiar with the service performed **submits the nomination form** to document the service and its scope and impact on DIAMONDS or GSUSA.
2. **Submit four (4) endorsement letters** from individuals familiar with the service performed by the nominee. The letters should be sufficiently detailed to support the award criteria.
3. The Council Recognition Review Committee reviews the nomination form & four letters for approval.

Example of Possible Candidates

- The director of a successful Council Destination Ceremony that results in increased extension and retention of older girls and significant positive publicity for the Council.
- The chair of the Council's fund development committee who develops and implements a plan that significantly increases the percentage of adult-generated funding for the Council.
- A volunteer who plays a policy decision-making role at a consistently high level, and attracts broad participation in policy influencing through the democratic process.
- A volunteer who has provided expansion of Council training teams and opportunities that resulted in a significant increase in training effectiveness and participation Council-wide.

Form of Recognition

The GSUSA Thanks Badge is a gold-filled enamel disc and blue ribbon, purchased and presented by the Council at the Council Recognition Ceremony.

Submit to Council Recognition Review Committee no later than February 15th at 5:00pm

Email: training@girlscoutsdiamonds.org

(Submit all required information/letters with nomination form)

Date:

NOMINEE (Please print)

Name: Present Girl Scout Position:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Service Unit:

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORM (Please print)

Name: Present Girl Scout Position:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Service Unit:

Nomination should remain a secret from the nominee in case the nomination is not approved.

Should this award be approved, the award will be presented at the Council Recognition ceremony. The recipient will receive an invitation to attend the ceremony. You will be notified of the committee's decision.

Nomination Process

- Read **the award** profile, fill out **nomination form** and submit with at least **(4) four endorsement letters** detailing the information required.
- Make **a copy** of nomination form and supporting information to keep
- Submit **by deadline date**
- List of nominee's previous awards may be supplied by staff if needed

FOR USE BY COUNCIL RECOGNITION REVIEW COMMITTEE ONLY

Endorsed by Committee

Person nominating advised

Nominee Invited

NOMINATION OF **BY**
(Nominee's Name) **(Nominator's Name)**

Please state how this person has accomplished the criteria needed for the Thanks Badge. Be as detailed and specific as possible listing qualifications and particular instances. Please be sure your answers support the service needed to qualify for this award. Attach four letters from four additional people supporting this person's nomination.

1. Describe the service rendered and who benefited. Include how the candidate has taken a leadership role at the Council level during the previous four years in one or more of the following areas: membership, adult generated funding, innovative program, policy influencing,

2. Give the reasons this service was beyond expectations of position held (outstanding service).