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The Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Medal

Description

The Juliette Low World Friendship Medal is awarded to individuals and councils who have enriched and leveraged the global understanding of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to grow responsible global citizens. This prestigious national award is approved by the Girl Scouts of the USA National Board of Directors.

Criteria

- ✓ Impact on girls: The nominee's efforts include girl involvement resulting in increased opportunities for girl-led global opportunities and Take Action projects resulting in significant global impact.
- ✓ Commitment: The nominee has demonstrated dedication and commitment over a significant amount of time by continuously promoting and expanding the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. The nominee has promoted the Juliette Low World Friendship fund or other global Girl Scouting funding opportunities.
- ✓ Global awareness: The nominee has created and promoted resources and opportunities that increase the understanding of the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to the council and the larger community.
- ✓ Leadership: The nominee is recognized by girl and adult members, and the larger community, as a leader who leverages the global impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
- ✓ Membership: The nominee is a current registered Girl Scout adult member in a council or USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Nomination process

A Girl Scout council* or individual nominates a candidate or council* that meets all the criteria and has not previously received this award. The GSUSA nomination form is to be completed in full and submitted along with two letters of endorsement describing how the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominations may be submitted at any time by mailing the nomination form and endorsement letters to the Vice President of Global Girl Scouting at the address provided on the form. The nomination is presented to the International Commissioner for review. Final approval is by the GSUSA National Board of Directors. Upon approval, the Vice President of Global Girl Scouting will coordinate the presentation of the award to the nominee.



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Examples of nominees

The first example is an individual with a passion for travel, international volunteering, and Girl Scouting who has served as the council's Global Volunteer Liaison for four years. In this role, she was tasked with increasing the global dimension of Girl Scouting throughout both the council and the community at large. She began by collaborating with council Membership staff members to identify the most underserved girls in the council's jurisdiction. She found a huge opportunity for growth among Hispanic girls and volunteers, and specifically within the Honduran community, spanning several urban and rural areas. By reaching out to the leaders and those communities, she forged partnerships and led girl- and volunteer-recruitment efforts that brought a 68 percent increase in girl membership and a 72 percent increase in adult membership over four years.

She also helped launch a twinning opportunity with a Honduran school for daughters of single moms. Through this partnership, the volunteer helped 15 Girl Scouts plan and attend an international trip to Honduras to help build and supply a new library for this school. During her four years as Global Volunteer Liaison, she led two other international trips to World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts World Centers for 35 Girl Scout Ambassadors. She also has spoken and shared her experiences at each bi-annual volunteer enrichment workshop, encouraging and recruiting other Girl Scout volunteers to lead trips to the five World Centers.

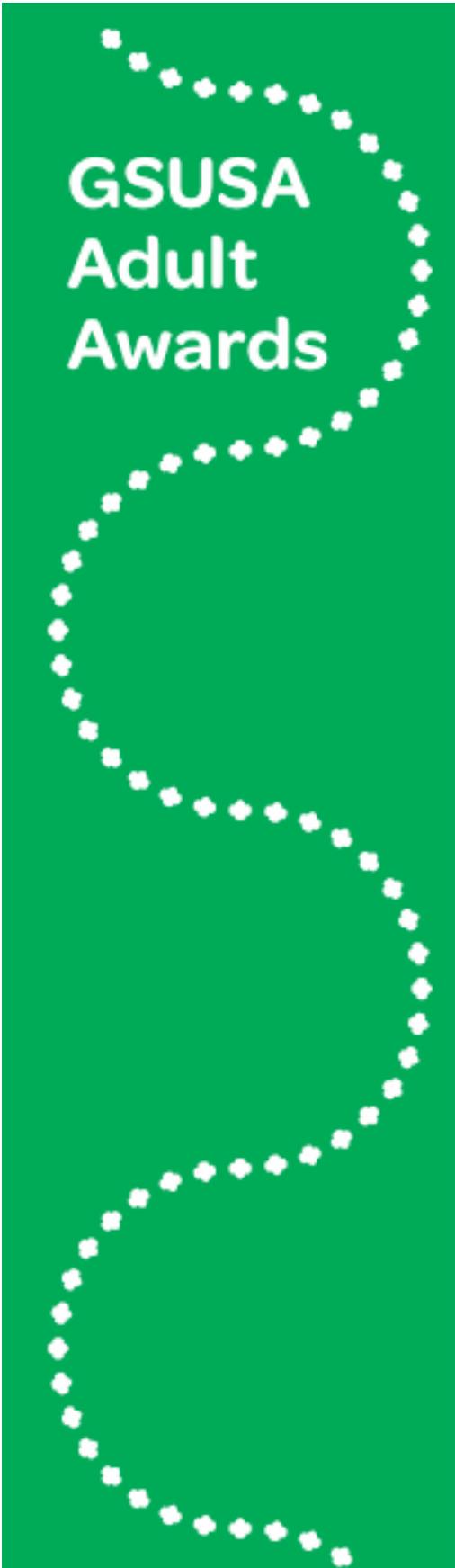
In addition to sharing her passion and expertise in global Girl Scouting, this volunteer has been a regular contributor to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and has spoken to 10 local corporations about financial support for the fund.

Another example is a Girl Scout council that identified the need to increase its global impact and awareness of the global aspect of Girl Scouting in its strategic priorities, so it developed a five-year implementation plan. Throughout those five years, the council created a travel fund to support girl involvement in global Take Action projects and dedicated half of a full-time staff position to coordinating staff and volunteer fund-raising efforts for the fund and the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

The council encouraged Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award candidates to think globally. As part of its annual plan, the council hosted an event for award candidates to talk with girls who completed international projects and travel, as well as talk with potential award sponsors to plan for global impact and sustainability within the project.

The council also sponsored twinning opportunities with organizations in countries that represent the diversity of its girl and adult membership. Throughout a five-year period, the council has actively helped girls plan international trips to the five World Centers and successfully recruited volunteers to lead those trips.

Through effective communication of the intercultural aspects of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding, this council has become a leader for cultural awareness and global action in the community. A page on its Web site is dedicated to sharing successes of its girls and volunteers in regard to global efforts. It also offers a course about global Girl Scouting for existing volunteers and community partners, and it provides girl and volunteer speakers at community events.



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Individual nomination for

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Name of person completing nomination form:

Best way to contact you (phone, e-mail, etc.):

Name of nominee:

Nominee contact information:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Is the nominee a member of Girl Scouts?

Yes

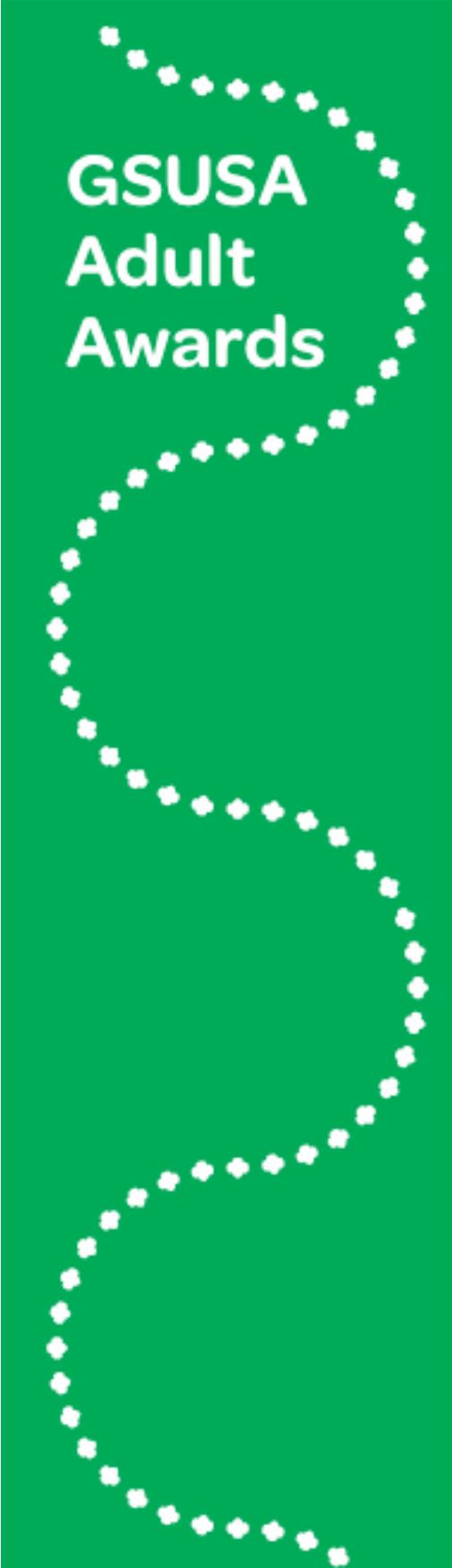
No

Not sure

Current position(s) held by nominee:

In an attached document, please explain how the nominee has met the following criteria:

1. Describe how the nominee provides and promotes girl-led global opportunities and global Take Action Projects. Please include the significant impact of these projects and how girls are involved in the planning process.
2. Describe how the nominee demonstrates a long-term commitment and dedication to promoting and expanding the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.
3. Describe how the nominee supports and promotes the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund or other Girl Scouts of the USA global funding opportunities.
4. Describe resources and activities that the nominee created, promoted, and implemented to increase the global dimension of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to the council and the larger community.



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5. Describe how the nominee has been recognized over the past several years—by a council, girl and adult members, and the larger community—as a leader who leverages the global understanding and impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

Please list the names and contact information of two individuals submitting letters of endorsement on the nominee’s behalf:

Name:

Contact information:

Name:

Contact information:

Signature of person submitting nomination:

Date:

Please send all documentation to: Vice President of Global Girl Scouting, Girl Scouts of the USA, 420 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10025.

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GSUSA National Board of Directors’ Decision:

Approved Denied

Pending, more information required

If pending, please describe the information required:

Signature of International Commissioner:

Date:

Signature of Vice President of Global Girl Scouting:

Date:

Plan for award presentation:

