











## Service Unit (SU) Recognitions

These are suggestions to help our SUs promote a culture of appreciation at the local level. Be sure to check with your SU team to see if they participate and to get contact information for the SU Recognitions Chair.

Recognition	Explanation	Criteria	How to Nominate
<b>First Year Leader</b>  First Year	Each SU may elect to purchase these pins from our Shop for volunteers completing their first year as a troop leader. It is recommended that they be awarded at a Service Unit meeting or event in the spring.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is an active, registered adult Girl Scout troop leader <input type="checkbox"/> Has successfully completed their first year of service and all requirements for the position	The SU Recognitions Chair or Manager may purchase a pin for each volunteer within their SU who meets the criteria.
<b>Outstanding New Leader</b> <b>"Green &amp; Growing" Pin</b>  GSSN	Each SU may elect to purchase this pin to award to one or two exceptional new troop leader(s) each year. It is recommended that this pin be awarded at a SU meeting or event in the spring.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has completed their first year as a troop leader/co-leader and has committed to serving a second year <input type="checkbox"/> Has completed required trainings (in-person or online) <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly attends service unit meetings or sends a troop representative <input type="checkbox"/> Engages the girls in a variety of fun, interesting activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Any Girl Scout girl or adult may nominate their troop leader for this recognition. <input type="checkbox"/> Print or email one Nomination form to the SU Recognitions Chair, along with a letter from a troop girl or parent explaining why their leader is deserving, by Feb 27, 2015.
<b>Troop Product Sales Hero</b> <b>GSSN Shop Certificate</b> 	Each SU may elect to gift a GSSN Shop certificate in denominations starting at \$5 to an exceptional Product Sales Volunteer within the SU, following each Fall Product and Cookie Sale season.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has served for a minimum of three years as Troop Product Sales Coordinator (TPSC) <input type="checkbox"/> Has exhibited up-to-date knowledge about <b>either</b> the fall or cookie product sale and serves informally as a support for other area TPSCs and volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Completes all duties correctly and on time	<input type="checkbox"/> Any troop leader or fellow SU volunteer may print or email a Nomination form to the SU Recognitions Chair, along with an explanation about this TPSC's helpfulness in their role.

<p>Service Unit "Volunteer-of-the-Month"</p> <p>Lawn Sign or Peel-able Decal</p>	<p>Each SU may elect to purchase either of these items from the GSSN shop to recognize <b>up to one</b> volunteer a month who has recently exhibited exceptional volunteerism</p> <p>Each SU's "Volunteer-of-the-month" will be named and one will be "spotlighted" in our GSSN Essentials and Website throughout the year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has completed all position-appropriate trainings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has contributed to the success of the SU in some capacity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Serves as a role model for other volunteers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any Girl Scout volunteer may nominate a fellow SU volunteer for this recognition.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete one Nomination form with brief description of nominee's contribution, and email it, along with a digital photo, to the SU Recognitions Chair.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The SU Recognitions Chair should choose their candidate, then email the name and photo of the volunteer selected each month to <a href="mailto:jmahon@gssn.org">jmahon@gssn.org</a>.</li> </ul>
Council Annual Recognitions	Explanation	Criteria	How to Nominate
<p>Years of Membership Numeral Guards</p> 	<p>These numeral guards are awarded to volunteers based on their combined years as a registered girl and adult member of Girl Scouts. They are available in five-year increments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has been a registered active member of Girl Scouts (either as a girl or adult) for a combined total of 5, 10, 15, 20...years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any Girl Scout volunteer meeting the criteria may submit an online Nomination form <b>by Feb 13, 2015</b> to be recognized at the council's Annual Meeting and Adult Recognitions Brunch on April 18.</li> </ul>
<p>Years of Service Pin</p> 	<p>These pins are awarded to any Girl Scout volunteer who has served a minimum of five years as a volunteer. (The five years do not have to be in a single role or position.) These pins are available in five-year increments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has served as a registered Girl Scout volunteer for 5, 10, 15, 20...years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any Girl Scout volunteer meeting the criteria may submit an online Nomination form <b>by Feb 13, 2015</b> to be recognized at the council's Annual Meeting and Recognitions Brunch on April 18.</li> </ul>

GSUSA Formal Adult Recognitions	Explanation	Criteria	How to Nominate
<p><b>Volunteer of Excellence</b></p> 	<p>The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for the position.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the GSLE to girls using the National Program Portfolio, OR</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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 (such as IT, Merchandising..).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any Girl Scout girl or adult may nominate an adult volunteer by submitting one Nomination form and one Endorsement form indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominations and endorsements must be submitted by February 13, 2015.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors approves or denies nominations based on the recommendations of the Volunteer Recognitions Task Force</li> </ul>
<p><b>Appreciation Pin</b></p> 	<p>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 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><input type="checkbox"/> The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and made an impact on <b>one or more</b> geographic area within the council's jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any Girl Scout may nominate an adult volunteer by submitting one Nomination form and one Endorsement form.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominations and endorsements must be submitted by February 13, 2015</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors approves or denies nominations based on the recommendations of the Volunteer Recognitions Task Force</li> </ul>
<p><b>Honor Pin</b></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 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><input type="checkbox"/> The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on <b>two or more</b> geographic areas within the council's jurisdiction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requires one Nomination form and one letter of Endorsement form</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nominations and endorsements must be submitted by February 13, 2015.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors approves or denies nominations based on the recommendations of the Volunteer Recognitions Task Force.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Thanks Badge</b></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"> <li>❑ The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.</li> <li>❑ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Requires one Nomination form and <b>two</b> Endorsement forms</li> <li>❑ Nominations and endorsements must be submitted by February 13, 2015</li> <li>❑ Board of Directors approves or denies nominations based on the recommendations of the Volunteer Recognitions Task Force</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thanks Badge II</b></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 total council or 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.</li> <li>❑ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Requires one Nomination form and <b>two</b> Endorsement forms</li> <li>❑ Nominations and endorsements must be submitted by February 13, 2015</li> <li>❑ Board of Directors approves or denies nominations based on the recommendations of the Volunteer Recognitions Task Force</li> </ul>