

Adult Awards Resource Booklet 2019

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Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey (GSCSNJ) is fortunate to have more than 5,000 adult volunteers. Volunteers are the cheerleaders, guides, and mentors helping girls develop skills and confidence that will last a lifetime. Our volunteers introduce girls to new experiences that show them they're capable of more than they ever imagined.

Our volunteer's rock! Their dedication emphasizes the qualities that Girl Scouts value. Each year, we CELEBRATE and acknowledge those volunteers in Girl Scouting who provide service that is above and beyond expectations by presenting recognitions that are awarded at the Council level. In addition, many service units award recognitions at ceremonies held within their local community. Please join us in sharing those great stories by recognizing a volunteer that you know excels when sharing their time and talent with Girl Scouts.

This booklet is designed to provide you with the resources to nominate an outstanding volunteer. To facilitate the adult award process, the Adult Awards Committee (AAC) of GSCSNJ accepts its mission of providing a fair and judicious process for recognizing outstanding Girl Scout volunteers. Please feel free to reach out to the committee via recognitions@gscsnj.org if you are interested in being a part of the adult award planning and recognition process.

Adult Awards at a Glance

Award	Deadline Date	Presented at	Area Benefited by Service	Items Needed
Recognitions Awarded at the Service Unit Level – Requires Service Unit Approval				
Years of Membership Pins 5, 10, 15, 20	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Includes girl & adult years as a member	Order form
Years of Service Pins 5 and 10	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Includes adult years of service only	Order form
Rookie of the Year Award	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Troop	Application
Firestarter Award	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Service Unit	Application
The Great Outdoors Award	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Service Unit, area and/or Council	Application
Forever Green Award	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Service Unit and/or Council	Application
Volunteer of Excellence Award	To be set by SU	Service Unit	Service Unit and/or Council	Application
Recognitions Awarded at the Council Level - Requires Adult Awards Committee Approval				
Years of Membership Pins 25 and above	December 4	Council Event	Includes girl & adult years	Application
Years of Service Pins 15 and above	December 4	Council Event	Includes adult years of service only	Application
Spirit Award	December 4	Council Event	Service Unit or area	Application
Golden Rose Award	December 4	Council Event	Service Unit or area	Application
10 Year Helping Hands	December 4	Council Event	Service Unit or area	Application
20 Year Helping Hands	December 4	Council Event	Service Unit or area	Application
Marti Klugman Leadership Award	December 4	Council Event	Troop	Application & two (2) recommendation letters
Appreciation	December 4	Council Event	Service Unit or area	Application
Honor	December 4	Council Event	Two or more Service Units or areas Troop	Application
Outstanding Community Partner	December 4	Council Event	Service Unit or area	Application
Thanks Badge	December 4	Council Event	Total council or entire Girl Scout movement	Application & two (2) recommendation letters
Thanks Badge II	December 4	Council Event	Total council or entire Girl Scout movement	Application & two (2) recommendation letters

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR AWARD

Council Level Awards:

All Council Level Awards in this booklet are presented during our annual Celebrate event. Applications for nominees must be submitted to the Council Adult Awards Committee in one of the following ways:

On-Line: <https://gscsnj.wufoo.com/forms/council-adult-awards-application/>
(Recommended form of submittal)

Email: recognitions@gscsnj.org

Mail: GSCSNJ Adult Awards
40 Brace Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08816

Video: One (1) video submission can be submitted in lieu of a letter. Please submit the video to the email address above.

If you have specific questions in regards to the process for submissions or contents of the application required for nomination, you may contact our staff liaison to the Council Adult Awards Committee via the email listed above.

Service Unit Awards:

Service Unit Awards do not require submission to the Council Awards Committee. Each service unit administers its own process for Service Unit Awards. Please contact your service unit leadership to learn about the application process to submit nominations for these service unit level awards and individual due dates for each service unit.

For Service Unit Leadership Use Only:

To order awards for honorees, please use the following link:

<https://gscsnj.wufoo.com/forms/adult-award-recognition-orders-for-shop/>

Payment for awards is made by the service unit when items are picked up at Juliette's Closet.

Descriptions of Service Unit Awards

General criteria required for all awards:

- Nominee is currently a registered adult Girl Scout.
- Nominee has completed required training.
- Nominee has completed a term of service and all requirements for the position.
- Nominee actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.
- Nominee abides by the Service Unit and GSCSNJ's policies, standards, and procedures.

Service Unit Awards process:

- Applications for awards should be submitted by the deadlines set by the Service Unit. Please contact your Service Unit Leadership for set dates and changes.
- Please use the Service Unit designated form. A parent, another leader, service unit manager, or other person familiar with the leader's performance may complete an application. Include as much information about the applicant as possible.
- The application will be reviewed by the service unit awards committee. Approval will take place at the service unit committee level.
- Awards will be presented at the service unit function.
- The Service Unit will order the appropriate awards.

Rookie of the Year Award

The Rookie of the Year Pin recognizes a first year troop leader for being the most outstanding first year troop leader in the Service Unit.



Criteria:

1. Nominee has completed the required training for the position.
2. Nominee attends Service Unit meetings regularly.
3. Nominee has provided a well-rounded program, participates in Council and/or Service Unit programs, and fulfills troop leader responsibilities as per the job description.

Firestarter Award

The Firestarter Award recognizes a volunteer in your Service Unit whose leadership and enthusiasm for Girl Scouts has ignited a flame of excellence that is passed to all members of the Service Unit. This flame sustains the passion for Girls Scouts among girls, volunteers, and staff, and preserves Girl Scouting for years to come.



Criteria:

1. Nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the national program portfolio and/or has supported the council's mission delivery in one or more functional areas.

Great Outdoors Award

The Great Outdoors Award recognizes an adult volunteer whose outdoor skills and enthusiasm are shared with a troop/group, Service Unit, or Council. Through the volunteer's dedication to the outdoor national program portfolio, girls' lives have been changed.



Criteria:

1. The nominee has completed the GSCSNJ Outdoor Skills courses.
2. The nominee has provided outstanding service to further the outdoor education and experiences of girls and adults.
3. The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver outdoor program experience to support the council's mission delivery.

Forever Green Award

The Forever Green Award recognizes an adult volunteer (age 35 and older) who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, exceptional service, and an extraordinary dedication to the Girl Scout Movement over time. They are a volunteer whose leadership, initiative, and energy have strengthened Girl Scouting, making a significant contribution to the mission and who exemplify the true spirit of Girl Scouts.



Criteria:

1. The nominee is a current active volunteer with the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ.
2. The nominee has been an adult volunteer for a minimum of 15 years.
3. The outstanding service performed by the nominee has benefited the entire Service Unit.

Volunteer of Excellence Award

The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in the implementation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience 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.



Criteria:

1. Nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the national program portfolio and/or has supported the council's mission delivery in one or more functional areas.

Years of Membership Pins 5 - 20 years

Years of membership include both girl and adult years. The pin is a number on a chain which attaches to your membership pin. They are given in 5 year increments. Years of membership pins are available through Juliette's Closet. The 5, 10, 15 and 20 year increments are given out at the service unit level. Once someone has been a member for 25 years or more please contact the Council Adult Awards Committee so that they may be awarded their pin at the Council's Recognition Event.



Years of Service Pins 5 years and 10 years

Years of service include adult years of service. The pin differs from the numeral guard in that it represents the number of years an adult volunteer has actively provided service. This pin is given out in 5 year increments. The 5 and 10-year increment is given out at the service unit level. Once someone has provided service for 15 years or more please contact the Council Volunteer Awards Committee so that they may be awarded their pin at Council's Recognition Event.



Council Level Awards

General criteria required for all awards:

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- Nominee has completed required training.
- Nominee has completed a term of service and all requirements for the position.
- Nominee actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.
- Nominee abides by the Service Unit and GSCSNJ's policies, standards, and procedures.

Spirit Award – Council Award – The Spirit Award recognizes and honors volunteers that are known in their community as exemplifying the true spirit of Girl Scouting. The nominee creates awareness of the Girl Scout movement in their community and has created fun, innovative programming for today's Girl Scouts. The nominee must be a registered Girl Scout and have completed appropriate training for the position held.



Golden Rose Award – Council Award - The Golden Rose Award recognizes an alumna between the ages of 21-35, who has continued to demonstrate her leadership skills and community service commitment with Girl Scouts. The nominee must be a registered Girl Scout and a recipient of the Gold Award.



10 Years Helping Hands Award – Council Award – The service provided by the candidate goes above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and is delivered to at least one area or service unit within the council jurisdiction for a minimum of 10 years.



20 Years Helping Hands Award - Council Award - The service provided by the candidate goes above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and is delivered to at least one area or service unit within the council jurisdiction for a minimum of 20 years.



Marti Klugman Leadership Award – Council Award – The Marti Klugman Leadership Award recognizes a troop leader who has demonstrated a commitment to think globally by planning travel abroad programs for girls. The nominee must be a registered Girl Scout. A minimum of two (2) letters of endorsement must be attached to the application; one must be from a girl who benefited from the travel experience.



Appreciation Pin – National Award –The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This volunteer service, which has had measurable impact in one geographic service area, surpasses the mission-delivery goals for girls located in that area.



Honor Pin – National Award –The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had a measurable impact in two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals for girls located in those areas.



Thanks Badge – National Award – 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.



A minimum of two (2) letters of endorsement must be attached to the application.

Thanks Badge II – National Award – Recognizes outstanding service given by a former Thanks Badge recipient, who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role resulting in a measureable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement. A minimum of two (2) letters of endorsement must be attached to the application.



The Outstanding Community Partner Award is a Council Award created to recognize the invaluable support of our external community partnerships in creating diverse opportunities for more girls to join and fully participate in the Girl Scout program. The recipient of this award is not required to be a registered Girl Scout.

Outstanding Community Partner Award - Council Award –The Outstanding Community Partner Award recognizes a business, organization or individual who has demonstrated a commitment to championing the Girl Scout mission for a minimum of 3 years through consistent communication, and collaborative efforts to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls in all communities.



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