

Adult Recognitions in Girl Scouting

(GSUSA and GSRI Official Recognitions)

	Recognition	Criteria	Application Process	Approval Process
EARNED RECOGNITIONS – varied approval process and presentation.	Membership Numerals/ Milestones of Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of years (girl and adult) as a Girl Scout <u>member</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-nomination after you accrue 5 or more years as a Girl Scout <u>member</u>. (see March or April issue of <i>the flash</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-45 years notify your service team. 50 years and up, notify the Recognition Committee.
	Ruth Haslegrave Membership Milestones Award (special recognition <i>NEW</i> in 2004)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 years or more of service to Girl Scouting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-nomination or recommendation from volunteers or staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition Committee and Board of Directors.
	Volunteer Years of Service Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of years of <u>service</u> as a volunteer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-nomination after you accrue 5 or more years as a Girl Scout volunteer.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-10 years, notify your service team. 15 years and up, notify the Recognition Committee.
	Leadership Development Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 1 year as leader, assistant or group leader; Completed Basic Leadership Training, First Aid training and Troop Camp training; Participated in two group meetings beyond the troop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For application form, see below.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by the Training Dept. and notify Recognition Committee
	Leadership Development Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For recipients of the Leadership Development pin who have completed additional training of <u>ten hours or more in one subject area</u>. Training must benefit the nominee's skills and ability as a troop leader. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For application form, see below.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by the Training Dept. and notify Recognition Committee.
EARNED RECOGNITIONS – approved by Training Department as indicated.	Trainer's Pin (3 levels: Apprentice Experienced Master)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the council-appointed adult who has completed specific training and actively participated in delivery of council training program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the Training Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval from the Training Department.
	Instructor of Trainers Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded directly by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worn only by currently certified GSUSA instructors of trainers (a two-year education, practicum review process). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval from the Training Department of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
EARNED RECOGNITION	Outgoing President's Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded to the council presidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon the conclusion of her/his final term of office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by the board of directors.

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HONORARY AWARDS – approved by the Recognitions Committee and presented in the service unit.	Outstanding Leader Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service as a Girl Scout Leader. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* Submit application.* <u>2</u> individuals in troop or members of their families write endorsement statement and send to Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee.
	Outstanding Volunteer Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service as a Girl Scout adult volunteer (other than leader). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* Submit application.* <u>2</u> individuals or groups familiar with the candidate's performance write endorsement statements and send to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee.
	Kit Hammett Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service exceeds expectations in 2 or more positions for at least 2 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* Submit application.* <u>2</u> individuals or groups familiar with the candidate's performance write endorsement statements and send to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee.
	Military Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service by a military adult who has served as a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* Submit application by the service unit (service team/leader) to Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee.
	Green Angel Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service by a registered adult who has worked directly with the troop for at least two years (other than the leader or assistant leader). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* Submit application by the leader or troop members.* <u>2</u> individuals or groups familiar with the candidate's performance write endorsement statements and send to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee.
HONORARY AWARDS – approved by the board of directors and presented at the council level.	Appreciation Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service beyond the expectations of the position. Service benefits one or more service units and contributes to the council goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* <u>2</u> letters of endorsement and one nominating form submitted to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee and recommended to the board of directors for its final approval.
	Honor Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service beyond the expectations of the position. Service benefits two or more service units or the entire council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* <u>3</u> letters of endorsement and one nominating form must be submitted to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee and recommended to the board of directors for its final approval.

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HONORARY AWARDS cont. – approved by the board of directors and presented at the council level.	Thanks Badge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For truly outstanding service which benefits the entire council or the Girl Scout organization as a whole. The service must be so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* 4 letters of endorsement and one nomination form must be submitted to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee and recommended to the board of directors for its final approval.
	Thanks Badge II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For recipients of the Thanks badge whose <u>continued</u> service merits further recognition. Service must meet all of the criteria for the Thanks Badge as outlined above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application.* 4 letters of endorsement and one nomination form must be submitted to the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by Recognition Committee and recommended to the board of directors for its final approval.
HONORARY AWARD	Mira Hoffman Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding contributions to the work of the council and exemplifies the finest spirit of Girl Scouting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Preliminary Application to the council president via the Recognition Committee.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by the council president.
Award approved by the board of directors & presented at the council level.	President's Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outstanding service by the volunteers in a service unit in achieving their goals and objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted by the field director and the service unit manager to the Recognition Committee. See field director for the proper form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by the Recognition Committee approved by the board of directors.
Episodic Volunteers	Community Participation Thank You Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-time or one-day service for the council or GSUSA. Completed required learning experiences. Registered Girl Scout adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written description of volunteer service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by GSRI staff and notify Recognition Committee.
	Citizenship in Girl Scouting Certificate for each round of service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returns for a second or third round of service. Provides support through two or three short-term assignments for the council or GSUSA. Registered Girl Scout adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written description of volunteer service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by GSRI staff and notify Recognition Committee.
	Social Responsibility in Girl Scouting Volunteer Service Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a fourth round of service to the council or GSUSA. After every four rounds of volunteering, volunteer receives a Volunteer Service Pin I, II or III. Registered Girl Scout adult. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written description of volunteer service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by GSRI staff and notify Recognition Committee.

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Progressive Volunteers - Cannot be grandfathered in, effective 2003. - Involved on continuous basis - Managed by Council President and/or CEO (or AED)	Stage 1: The Girl Scout Volunteer Achievement Award Volunteer Development Pin with chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Girl Scout adult. First successful volunteer service completion on a board committee or on a task group assignment. First experience of troop or group leadership, service unit management or service to GSUSA for one year. All to have completed required training and have been appointed and have agreed to return for another year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit application to Recognition Committee.* Requires signature by Council President or member of Executive Committee prior to approval. Submit by CEO or AED Girl & Adult Services or designee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by President, CEO and/or AED. Authorized by Recognition Committee.
	Stage 2: The Girl Scout Mentoring Award White Key added to Development Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Girl Scout adult. Gained sufficient skills/ experience. Become a coach or mentor for a new volunteer, provide ongoing support resulting in retention of a new volunteer. Protégé nominates mentor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit application to Recognition Committee.* Requires signature by Council President or member of Executive Committee prior to approval. Submit by CEO or AED Girl & Adult Services or designee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by President, CEO and/or AED. Authorized by Recognition Committee.
	Stage 3: The Girl Scout Volunteer Executive Award Black key added to Development Pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Girl Scout adult. Council or national level leadership role. Made significant contributions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit application to Recognition Committee.* Requires signature by Council President or member of Executive Committee prior to approval. Submit by CEO or AED Girl & Adult Services or designee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by President, CEO and/or AED. Authorized by Recognition Committee.
	Additional Stages to be developed			
Other Girl Scout Adult Recognitions	Special Supporter Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To honor a group or individual who has supported Girl Scouting in the community within the council jurisdiction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by a group or individual to the Recognition Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by the committee to board of directors for final decision.
	Award Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An all-purpose recognition suitable for "service of exceptional quality" from an individual or a group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended to the Recognition Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> same as the Special Support Certificate
	Lifetime Membership pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any adult who is a lifetime member of GS of the U.S.A. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be purchased by the member or given as a gift. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership card from GS of the USA.
	Religious Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See "Girl Scouting and the Religious Community" or call the Religious Award Task Group. 		

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