


Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

SUMMARY OF REGIONAL OR COUNCIL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

PRESENTED TO: ADULT GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE IN MORE THAN ONE SERVICE UNIT, A REGION, OR THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

Recognition	Criteria	Nomination Procedure	Deadline
<p>Helping Hands</p> 	Adult Volunteer or group who gives exceptional, continuing service over at least five years for a specific project that benefits the entire Council or a Region	Submit a nomination form and two endorsement letters to the Regional Award & Recognition Committee	45 days prior to need for an appropriate presentation
<p>GSUSA Honor Pin</p> 	Adult GS Volunteer for Outstanding Service who contributes to council goals benefiting two or more Service Units, or a Region or the Council	Submit a nomination form and three or more endorsement letters to the Regional Award & Recognition Committee	Second Friday in December for Council Awards Event
<p>Platinum Service Award</p> 	Adult GS Volunteer for outstanding simultaneous service to both the Service Unit and either the Region or Council for three years after receiving the Appreciation Pin and either the Honor Pin or Thanks Badge		Second Friday in December for Council Awards Event
<p>GSUSA Thanks Badge</p> 	Adult GS Volunteer for Outstanding Service in a leadership role to the Council or entire Girl Scout Movement over the last four years	Submit a nomination form and four or more endorsement letters to the Regional Award & Recognition Committee	Second Friday in December for Council Awards Event
<p>GSUSA Thanks Badge II</p> 	Adult GS Volunteer for Outstanding Service to the Council or National GS organization for at least three years after receiving the Thanks Badge.	Submit a nomination form and four or more endorsement letters to the Regional Award & Recognition Committee	Second Friday in December for Council Awards Event
Also See RECOGNITIONS FOR ANY ADULT GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER			

Helping Hands



Deadline: 45 days prior to need
to the Regional Award & Recognition Committee

The Helping Hands Award recognizes an outstanding adult volunteer or group who has given continuous service for a specific regional or council project over the last five years.

Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is a volunteer who has been continuously involved in a specific project that affects a region or the council for five or more years.
2. The candidate's service has been exceptional in nature.
3. The candidate does not qualify for any other council award or a GSUSA award.

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 a region or the council.
2. **Submit two (2) or more 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 Regional Award & Recognition Committee reviews the nomination form & two letters for approval.

Example of Possible Candidates

- A parent who has given continuous service hosting the regional Cookie Cupboard
- A parent or local environmental group who has given continuous service at Council Campground Clean-Up/Repair Weekends
- A volunteer from the local school district gives service as presenter for a Regional Adult Learning Event such as Leader Enrichment Conference for at least five years

Form of Recognition

The award consists of a gift and a certificate purchased by the council and presented at a venue and occasion appropriate to the service given (Cookie Rally, opening day of the camp, etc.)

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HELPING HANDS NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINATION DUE TO LOCAL SERVICE CENTER
45 DAYS PRIOR TO NEED**

(Submit all required information/letters with nomination form)

Date: _____

Date of Presentation: _____

NOMINEE (Please print)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORM (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

Nomination should remain a secret from the nominee in case the nomination is not approved. Should this award be approved by the Regional Award & Recognition Committee it may be presented at an appropriate venue and occasion for service given. Recipients may be given their letters of endorsement and application. You will be notified of the committee's decision.

Nomination Process

- ❖ **Read the award** profile, fill out **nomination form** and submit with **two or more supporting 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 GSGLA AWARD & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE ONLY

_____ Endorsed by Committee

_____ Person nominating advised

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NOMINATION OF _____ **BY** _____

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

1. How long has the candidate given exceptional continuing service for this specific project?

2. Describe the ongoing service rendered and how it benefited the entire GSGLA Council or Region.



Honor Pin

Deadline: Second Friday in December
to Regional Award and Recognition Committee

The Honor Pin recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to two or more Service Units or to a Region.

Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout volunteer who has significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in membership growth and retention, fund development, or increased community visibility in a Region or two or more service units.
2. The candidate actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

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 in relation to the award criteria.
2. **Submit three (3) 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 Regional Award & Recognition Committee reviews the nomination form & three letters for approval and recommendation to the Board. Nominees may be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Example of Possible Candidates

- GS adult volunteer who directs a successful day camp open to girls beyond the service unit.
- An adult volunteer who manages consistently successful program events for a region
- A GS adult volunteer who manages excellent training and enrichment events for a region as demonstrated by event evaluation results
- A volunteer who introduces Girl Scouting to the wider community through significant community actions
- An Adult Learning Facilitator who consistently provides outstanding enrichment and leadership development sessions to volunteers working directly with girls in two or more pathways.

Form of Recognition

The GSUSA Honor Pin is a green enamel pin with the Girl Scout trefoil surrounded by laurel wreath, purchased by the council and presented at the Council Award Ceremony with a certificate in a folder from the council.

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HONOR PIN NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINATION DUE TO LOCAL SERVICE CENTER
SECOND FRIDAY IN DECEMBER, BY 5 PM**

(Submit all required information/letters with nomination form)

Date: _____

NOMINEE (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORM (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

Nomination should remain a secret from the nominee in case the nomination is not approved. Should this nomination be approved the award will be presented at the Council Award event. Recipients may be given their letters of endorsement and application. 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 **three supporting letters** detailing the information required.
- ❖ **Make a copy** of nomination form and supporting information to keep
- ❖ **Submit by deadline date** listed above
- ❖ List of nominee's previous awards may be supplied by staff if needed

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_____ Endorsed by Committee

_____ Approved

_____ Nominee invited

_____ Person nominating advised

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NOMINATION OF _____ BY _____

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

1. Describe the service rendered and who benefited – at least two or more service units or a Region. Include how the candidate actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.
2. Indicate how this service significantly contributed to meeting one or more council goals in membership growth and retention, fund development, or increased community visibility.
3. Give the reasons this service was beyond expectations of position held (outstanding service).

Platinum Service Award



Deadline: Second Friday in December to the Regional Award & Recognition Committee

The Platinum Service Award recognizes an outstanding adult volunteer who continues to give simultaneous service to their service unit **and either** their region or the entire council for at least three years after receiving previous National awards.

Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout volunteer who has received the Appreciation Pin **and either** the Honor Pin or Thanks Badge at least three years ago.
2. The candidate has served in two different positions simultaneously. One position serves the service unit and the other position serves either a Region or the Council.
3. The candidate has provided consistent high quality service beyond the expectations of the positions which benefits Girl Scouting since receiving the last of the above National awards
4. Service is given in a manner that sets a positive example for others of what it means to be a Girl Scout adult

Nomination and Approval Procedures

1. An individual or group familiar with the service performed **submits the nomination form** to document the service, its scope and impact on the service unit and region/council.
2. **Submit three (3) 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 Regional Award & Recognition Committee reviews the nomination form & three letters for approval and recommendation to the Board. Nominees may be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Example of Possible Candidates

- Volunteer who has successfully served at least 3 years on the Service Unit Team and been a highly evaluated Council Adult Learning Facilitator for several years.
- Volunteer who chairs an annual Service Unit event that is well-evaluated and has been an active and highly contributing member of multiple Council or Regional level committees over the last 3 years.
- Service unit manager who, year after year, organizes for her region a successful fundraising event to benefit the Council as a whole.

Form of Recognition

The Platinum Service Award is a silver colored pin with the letters 'GS', purchased by the council and presented at the Council Award Ceremony with a certificate in a folder from the council.

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PLATINUM SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINATION DUE TO LOCAL SERVICE CENTER
SECOND FRIDAY IN DECEMBER BY 5 PM**

(Submit all required information/letters with nomination form)

Date: _____

NOMINEE (Please print)

Names: _____ Present Girl Scout Positions: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORM (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

Nomination should remain a secret from the nominee in case the nomination is not approved. Should this award be approved it will be presented at the Council Awards event or as requested. Recipients may be given their letters of endorsement and application. The recipient will receive an invitation to attend the Council ceremony. You will be notified of the committee's decision.

Nomination Process

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

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_____ Endorsed by Committee

_____ Approved

_____ Nominee invited

_____ Person nominating advised

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NOMINATION OF _____ BY _____

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

1. When did the candidate receive the Appreciation Pin? _____
2. When did the candidate receive either the Honor Pin or the Thanks Badge? _____
3. Describe service rendered and how it benefited the Service Unit; include position title(s) and dates.

4. Describe service rendered and in what way it benefited the Region or entire Council, include position title(s) and dates.

5. Give reasons this service was beyond expectations of positions held (outstanding service).

6. In what way did this service set a positive example for others of what it means to be a Girl Scout adult?

Thanks Badge

Deadline: Second Friday in December
to Regional Award & Recognition Committee

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:
 - a. Increasing membership growth and retention
 - b. Increasing the percentage of adult-generated funding in the total council income
 - c. Increasing innovative program opportunities councilwide
 - d. Developing broad participation in policy-influencing through the democratic process
 - e. 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 GSGLA 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 Regional Award & Recognition Committee reviews the nomination form & four letters for approval and recommendation to the Board. Nominees may be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Example of Possible Candidates

- The director of a successful council Destination event that results in increased extension and retention of older girls and significant positive publicity for GSGLA
- The chair of GSGLA's fund development committee who develops and implements a plan that significantly increases the percentage of adult-generated funding for GSGLA.
- 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 Award Ceremony with a certificate in a folder from the council.

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THANKS BADGE NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINATION DUE TO LOCAL SERVICE CENTER
SECOND FRIDAY IN DECEMBER BY 5 PM**

(Submit all required information/letters with nomination form)

Date: _____

NOMINEE (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORM (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

Nomination should remain a secret from the nominee in case the nomination is not approved. Should this award be approved it will be presented at the Council Award Ceremony. Recipients may be given their letters of endorsement and application. 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 **four supporting 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

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_____ Endorsed by Committee

_____ Approved

_____ Nominee invited

_____ Person nominating advised

Thanks Badge II

Deadline: Second Friday in December to
Council Award and Recognition Committee



The GSUSA Thanks Badge II for continuing service recognizes an adult volunteer who has already received the Thanks Badge and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout volunteer who has received the Thanks Badge.
2. Since the receipt of the Thanks Badge the candidate has continued to take a leadership role at the GSGLA council level. This distinguished service has been demonstrated by continuing to perform at the same high level, increasing the sphere of influence, or using skills and talents to move into another field of endeavor during the previous three years.
3. The service benefits the total council, or entire Girl Scout movement, and is so outstanding and so significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.

Nomination and Approval Procedures

1. An individual or group familiar with the service performed **submits the nomination form** to document how the service has benefited GSGLA 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 Regional Award & Recognition Committee reviews the nomination form & four letters for approval and recommendation to the Board. Nominees may be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Example of Possible Candidates

- A council adult learning facilitator who, after directing council-wide adult enrichment events, successfully implements a statewide or Southern California training event.
- A program consultant who, after developing math and science activities for girls council-wide, serves as a director for a math and science event with multiple councils.
- A board member whose continuous strong leadership in fund development has resulted in greater financial stability for GSGLA.

Form of Recognition

The GSUSA Thanks Badge II is a gold-filled enamel disc with a blue band inside the outer gold band, purchased by the council and presented at the Council Award Ceremony with a certificate in a folder from the council.

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THANKS BADGE II NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION DUE TO LOCAL SERVICE CENTER

SECOND FRIDAY IN DECEMBER BY 5 PM

(Submit all required information/letters with nomination form)

Date: _____

NOMINEE (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION FORM (Please print)

Name: _____ Present Girl Scout Position: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Region and Service Unit: _____

Nomination should remain a secret from the nominee in case the nomination is not approved. Should this award be approved it will be presented at the Council Award Ceremony. Recipients may be given their letters of endorsement and application. 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 **four supporting 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

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_____ Endorsed by Committee _____ Approved

_____ Nominee invited _____ Person nominating advised

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NOMINATION OF _____ **BY** _____

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

1. List the date the Thanks Badge was received: _____
2. Describe the service rendered and who benefited – GSGLA or GSUSA. Include how the candidate has taken a leadership role at the council level, increased the sphere of influence, or used skills and talents to move into another field of endeavor during the previous three years
3. Give reasons this service was significantly beyond expectations of position held (outstanding service).

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