

## Awards of Distinction Overview

**Criteria:** Eligible candidates must have completed appropriate training, if applicable and carried out the duties and responsibilities for the position that they hold for the entire year.

**Procedure:** The recognition chair/service unit manager is responsible for identifying and purchasing team members and special assignment volunteers Award of Distinction Pins. Leaders and co-leaders are eligible to purchase Award of Distinction Pins at any council shop with service unit-approved form.

**Form of recognition:** The Award of Distinction is a multi-colored enamel pin. The pin is awarded for the first year the award is received and comes with three separate center colors: white for service unit manager, yellow for leader/co-leader and red for service unit team member. For each successive year that the award is received, a gold bell-shaped attachment to the pin is awarded with a different colored border denoting the year. The attachment colors are:

Number of years	Color of Attachment	Number of years	Color of Attachment
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Tan	9 <sup>th</sup> year	Hot pink
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Red	10 <sup>th</sup> year	Gold
4 <sup>th</sup> year	Yellow	11 <sup>th</sup> year	Navy blue
5 <sup>th</sup> year	Silver	12 <sup>th</sup> year	Turquoise
6 <sup>th</sup> year	Blue	13 <sup>th</sup> year	Dark green
7 <sup>th</sup> year	Light green	14 <sup>th</sup> year	Light pink
8 <sup>th</sup> year	Purple	15 <sup>th</sup> year	Charcoal gray

**Deadline:** Set by service unit, generally two to four weeks prior to your service unit year-end recognitions event.

**Award presentation:** At your service unit year-end recognitions event

**For further information:** See individual awards for specific criteria for designated position/award. Contact your recognitions chair, service unit manager or council membership staff at (619) 298-8391.

**Award of Distinction**

**Leader and Assistant Leader**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**The candidate meets each of the following criteria:**

- | Yes                      | No                       |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Had taken leadership training. ( Ready Set Lead, Orientation, Program Level _____).   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Had taken at least one additional training opportunity offered by Girl Scouts or a community agency appropriate to the position. (ie. Let's Camp!, Troop Treasurer Self-Study Guide, etc.)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Held regular meetings with girls.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recruited other adults to assist with the program activities.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Troop/group will remain open until the recommended minimum size is reached as indicated in <i>Safety-Wise</i> .   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Followed all council procedures and Girl Scout policies and standards.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attended or sent a representative to service unit meetings.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Participated in at least one wider-than-troop activity appropriate to the age and experience of girls.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Held troop-planned ceremonies during the year i.e.; Investiture/rededication, Court of Awards, Bridging, Scout's Own, or special occasion.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Submitted annual financial report, Bank Authority Form, Activity Approval Forms and other paperwork as appropriate.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kept parents involved by conducting occasional parent meetings and held at least one family event.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Girl planning was an integral part of our troop/group program.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Decisions about the use and spending of money were made through our troop's system of self-government.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Program planning--Aware of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience keys to leadership—Discover, Connect and Take Action. Utilized the three processes--Girl-led, Learning by Doing and Cooperative Learning in planning activities with the girls. |

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Signature of Recognition Chair

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Service Unit Manager

Pin \_\_\_\_\_

Year tab number\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*all criteria must be met each year that tab is awarded