

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 nd year	Tan	9 th year	Hot pink
3 rd year	Red	10 th year	Gold
4 th year	Yellow	11 th year	Navy blue
5 th year	Silver	12 th year	Turquoise
6 th year	Blue	13 th year	Dark green
7 th year	Light green	14 th year	Light pink
8 th year	Purple	15 th 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
Service Unit Manager

Name: _____

Approved and presented by the Volunteer Support Coordinator. Must meet all the following criteria:

Service unit manager orientation was received and self-paced study guide completed.

SUM has taken at least one additional training opportunity offered by Girl Scouts such as roundtables, classes, Leading the Way _____,

Met with council membership staff and agreed on the specifics of the position. Met on _____.

Recruited, appointed, assigned, and supervised service unit team volunteers..

Reviewed service unit team members' position descriptions/expectations with them.

Ensured **all** leaders and assistant leaders were oriented.

Planned with council membership staff and presided at regular meetings of the service unit.

Reviewed troop money-earning project approvals with team members.

Saw that adult members received recognition, encouragement and support for their efforts.

Describe: _____

Ensured that service unit supported SHARE. Goal \$ _____ Achieved \$ _____

Participated with the council membership staff in writing and carrying out the service unit plan of work in support of council goals and objectives.

Membership goal _____ Achieved _____

Interpreted council and national policies to service unit adults.

Followed all *Safety-Wise* and council procedures, policies and standards.

Program planning- Promoted 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 and for the girls.

Recognition Chair

Date

Volunteer Support Coordinator Approval

Pin(first year) _____

Year tab number* _____

*all criteria must be met each year tab is awarded