

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 Troop Organizer

Name: _____

The candidate meets each of the following criteria:

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete troop organizer training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Meet with service unit manager and Membership Development Coordinator and agree on the specific tasks of the position. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Took at least one additional training opportunity offered by Girl Scouts ie. Roundtables, Leading the Way, New Leader Orientation training, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attend service unit leader and team meetings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Collaborate with the Membership Development Coordinator--assisting with year-round recruitment activities, promoting successful membership campaigns and striving to meet membership goals. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hold organization meetings and recruited troop leaders. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recommend leaders for appointment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensure all leaders receive Ready, Set, Lead; submit new volunteer application/background clearance/agreement; attend New Leader Orientation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Place girls in troops and maintain waiting lists. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attend service unit and service team meetings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Return phone calls to parents in a timely manner. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Identify under-represented girls and age levels for targeted recruitment efforts. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Aware of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience keys to leadership—
Discover, Connect and Take action. Utilize the three processes— Girl-led,
Learning by Doing and Cooperative Learning in planning activities with and for
the girls. |

Signature of Recognition Chair

Date

Signature of Service Unit Manager

Pin _____

Year tab number* _____

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