

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 Recognitions Chairperson**

Name: _____

The candidate meets each of the following criteria.

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed recognitions self-paced training in the first year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Took at least one additional training opportunity offered by Girl Scouts or a community agency appropriate to the position (ie roundtables, Leading the Way.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Met with service unit manager and agreed on the specific tasks of the position. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Participated as a service team member in developing and implementing the service unit plan of work to support council objectives. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Maintained adult records and recognition notebook to ensure records are current. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Advised the team, during the fall, in assessing council award submissions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Assisted with nomination , endorsement and processing of council and service unit awards. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developed/inspired on-going local tokens of appreciation and recognitions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensured annual service unit recognition event was held. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Provided ongoing education about recognition awards to service unit members. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Promoted and encouraged awards and recognitions as part of the service unit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attended service unit and service team meetings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 and for the girls. Was sensitive to opportunities to recognize others for adopting the Girl Scout Leadership tools. |

Signature of Service Unit Manager_____
Date

Pin _____

Year tab number* _____

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