

## 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**  
**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—<br>Discover, Connect and Take action. Utilize the three processes— Girl-led,<br>Learning by Doing and Cooperative Learning in planning activities with and for<br>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