

## Girl Scout Adult Recognitions Overview

### Council Recognitions

Council recognitions are **presented at the council recognitions event, Volunteer Celebration/Annual Meeting**. These awards require a nomination and usually two or more endorsements. The official paperwork is filled out and must be turned into the service unit recognition chair by the end of January. **(Complete packets are due into the council office by February 28<sup>th</sup>.)** See the service unit recognition chair or the website [sdgirlscouts.org](http://sdgirlscouts.org) under “forms” for paperwork.

- 1. Appreciation Pin** The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult member and has provided outstanding service to a service unit or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the council’s overall mission and goals to serve all girls and increase diversity, membership, visibility, and/or program participation.
- 2. Honor Pin** The candidate has the same requirements as the Appreciation Pin, however, the candidate has provided service to a broader area and has had a larger impact on the girls and the organization. This individual has provided outstanding service to two or more service unit areas or program areas. Often, this candidate has already received the Appreciation Pin, but not required..
- 3. Thanks Badge** The highest honor an adult can receive. Similar to Appreciation and Honor, however the candidate has provided outstanding service that has benefited the entire council and furthers the council’s overall mission and goals. Often this candidate has received the Honor Pin first, but not required.
- 4. Thanks Badge II** The candidate has the same requirements as the Thanks Badge. This candidate must have already received the Thanks Badge and has continued to provide outstanding service at a council level.
- 5. Membership Numerals for 15 years or more** Represents total years registered in Girl Scouts (girl and adult membership combined, by multiples of five years.)
- 6. Years of Service Pins for 15 years or more Recognizes** a registered adult member for years of active volunteer service at five-year intervals, starting at 15 years.

### Service Unit Recognitions

Service unit recognitions are **presented at the service unit’s** end of year recognitions event. **The service unit recognition chair needs these applications as soon as possible** so they can be processed in time for the recognitions event. See the service unit recognition chair, or the website [sdgirlscouts.org](http://sdgirlscouts.org) under “forms” for paperwork.

- 1. Leadership Development Pin and Leaves** Adult Scout fills out application after taking required training or additional training. Recognition Chair can track and apply for volunteer. See Training Hours Master List.
- 2. Award of Distinction** Adult Scout fills out application for position of leader, assistant leader, or for positions on the service unit team. SU Recognition Chair should track and may apply for volunteer. Award of Distinction for SU Manager is presented by VSC at no cost to the service unit.
- 3. Outstanding Volunteer Award** The individual nominated must serve Girl Scouts in a capacity other than leader. This award must be nominated by an individual or group and submitted to the service unit recognition chair for review/approval by the service unit team. No endorsements necessary.
- 4. Outstanding Leader** The candidate must be nominated by an individual or group and must have at least two (2) letters of endorsement from the troop or their families which must accompany the completed nomination form. Each endorsement should be about 100 words and state in detail the outstanding leadership qualities in delivering the Girl Scout program and the results achieved.
- 5. Spirit Award** The candidate is an individual, groups/organizations, or businesses who are **not** members of Girl Scouts. The candidate’s service or support benefits the entire council – not just a single service unit, troop or geographic area.
- 6. Volunteer Years of Service Number** of years registered in Girl Scouts as an active adult volunteer for 10 years or less, by multiples of five years.
- 7. Membership Numerals** Ten years or less of combined girl and adult membership, by multiples of five years. Notify the service unit recognition chair if you are eligible for a five year or ten year numeral.