





All award application/nomination forms are located at the council Web site, [www.GSEIWI.org](http://www.GSEIWI.org).

### Earned Awards Criteria




1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout. To check the status of a volunteer's registration, please contact the service unit registrar.
2. The candidate is in good standing currently and at the time of service and follows all council and GSUSA policies.
3. The candidate has completed the required training for the position.
4. All paperwork is due to the council no later than March 1 to be honored at a service unit event.




Award	Who to Consider	Award Type	Criteria	Application/ Nomination and Approval Process	Nomination Limit	Presented at
<b>Volunteer Achievement Award</b> (National Award)	Troop leader, co-leader, assistant leader, service unit team	Pin  	The Girl Scout Volunteer Achievement Award Pin (previously Volunteer Development Pin) recognizes the first stage of volunteer service successfully completed. Comes with a chain to attach service keys. Need to have completed one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First successful volunteer completion on a board committee</li> <li>• First successful volunteer service completion on a task group/committee assignment</li> <li>• First completed year of troop leadership</li> <li>• First completed year of service area position</li> </ul>	Leader completes own application and submits it to the council for approval.	1 per eligible leader	Service unit event  Upon receiving the application, a voucher to purchase is filled out by the council Awards are purchased by the service unit or individual.
<b>Volunteer Achievement Award Keys</b> (National Award)	Troop leader, co-leader, assistant leader, service unit team	White, black, copper, silver and gold keys	Criteria must be met for Volunteer Achievement Award pin. Individual requirements for each key. See form.	Leader completes own application and submits it to the council for approval.	1 per eligible leader	Service unit event  Pin rules apply for purchase

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<b>Leadership Development Pin</b> (National Award)	Troop leader, co-leader, assistant leader, service unit team	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate has completed one successful year in the position of troop leader, assistant leader or group coordinator.</li> <li>The candidate has completed the appropriate basic position training, or has demonstrated position competence, or both.</li> <li>The candidate has participated in at least two meetings or events beyond the troop (service unit, community, council).</li> <li>Has completed training in first aid or secured an adult resource person who has completed training.</li> <li>Has completed troop camp certification or secured an adult resource person who has completed training.</li> </ul>	Leader completes own application and submits it to the council for approval.	1 per eligible leader	Service unit event  Upon receiving the application, a voucher to purchase is filled out by the council. Awards are purchased by the service unit or individual.
<b>Leadership Development Leaves</b> (National Award)	Troop leader, co-leader, assistant leader, service unit team	Leaf attachments <i>Green</i> <i>Silver</i> <i>Gold</i> <b>NOTE:</b> 5 green leaves are replaced by one silver leaf, and 5 silver leaves are replaced by one gold leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has earned the Leadership Development pin.</li> <li>Additional CEUs in area which increased skill as Girl Scout leader:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10 hours or 1 CEU-green leaf</li> <li>o 50 hours or 5 CEUs-silver leaf</li> <li>o 250 hours or 25 CEUs-gold leaf</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Leader completes own application and submits it to the council for approval.	None	Service unit event  Pin rules apply for purchase
<b>Membership Year Pin</b> (National Award)	All volunteers actively registered as Girl Scouts	Numeral pin, gold chain  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes total <b>girl and adult</b> years in Girl Scouting.</li> <li>Eligible in 5 year increments.</li> <li><b>NOTE:</b> Girl members may also wear this pin, but must purchase the pin through the council store. Only adults may receive this pin through the adult recognition process.</li> </ul>	Service unit Recognition Coordinator is responsible for completing and submitting the form to council.	None	Service unit event or individual  Purchased by the service unit or individual
<b>Volunteer Years of Service Pin</b> (National Award)	All volunteers actively giving service	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes total <b>adult</b> years as a <b>volunteer</b> with active service in Girl Scouting.</li> <li>Eligible in 5 year increments.</li> </ul>	Recognition Coordinator is responsible for completing and submitting the form	None	Service unit event 5-15 purchased by SU, 20+ purchased by the council

### Nominated Awards Criteria

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<b>Outstanding Volunteer</b> (National Award)	An <b>adult</b> volunteer actively giving outstanding service, in a position other than <b>Leader</b>	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate has performed at a level exceeding expectations for the position.</li> <li>• Does not currently hold a leader position.</li> <li>• Actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.</li> </ul>	Form is completed by an individual or group and is submitted to the service unit Recognition Coordinator	None	Service unit event  Purchased by the council
<b>Outstanding Leader</b> (National Award)	Volunteers and adult members actively giving outstanding service that benefits <b>at least one</b> service unit	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates competence in Girl Scout Leader skills: i.e. adult-girl partnership, communication, membership development, pluralism and program delivery</li> <li>• Performs at a level that exceeds the expectations of a leader.</li> <li>• Actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form is completed by an individual or group and is submitted to the service unit Recognition Coordinator</li> <li>• Requires <b>two</b> letters of endorsement</li> </ul>	None	Service unit event  Purchased by the council
<b>Appreciation Pin</b> (National Award)	Volunteers and adult members actively giving outstanding service that benefits <b>at least one</b> service unit or program audience.	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The candidate has provided outstanding service to a service unit or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the council's goals.</li> <li>• The service goes beyond the expectation for the position.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form is completed by individual or group and is submitted to the service unit Recognition Coordinator</li> <li>• Requires <b>two</b> letters of endorsement</li> </ul>	None	Service unit event  Purchased by the council

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<b>Honor Pin</b> (National Award)	Volunteers and adult members actively giving outstanding service <b>that benefits two or more</b> service units	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate has provided outstanding service to two or more service units in a way that furthers the council's goals.</li> <li>The service goes beyond the expectation for the position.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form is completed by individual or group and is submitted to the service unit Recognition Coordinator</li> <li>Requires <b>three</b> letters of endorsement</li> </ul>	None	Service unit event  Purchased by the council
<b>Thanks Badge</b> (National Award)	Volunteers and adult members actively giving service that benefits the council or the entire Girl Scout Movement	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate has taken a leadership role that benefits the council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.</li> <li>The service is so significantly beyond the expectations that no other award is appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form is completed by individual or group and is submitted to the service unit Recognition Coordinator</li> <li>Requires <b>four</b> letters of endorsement</li> </ul>	None	Service unit event or Annual Meeting  Purchased by the council
<b>Thanks Badge II</b> (National Award)	Prior Thanks Badge recipients	Pin  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The candidate has received the Thanks Badge.</li> <li>Since receipt of the Thanks Badge, the candidate has provided distinguished service by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time, or</li> <li>Increasing her/his sphere of influence, or</li> <li>Using her/his skills and talent to move into another field of endeavor</li> </ul> </li> <li>The service benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout Movement.</li> <li>The service is outstanding and is significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidate should have already received the <i>Thanks Badge</i></li> <li>Form is completed by individual or group and is submitted to the service unit Recognition Coordinator</li> <li>Requires <b>four</b> letters of endorsement</li> </ul>	None	Service unit event or Annual Meeting  Purchased by the council