

Girl Scouts Heart of the South  
*Adult Recognitions*



**Girl Scouts.**

Criteria, Procedures and Applications Included for:

Outstanding Leader  
Outstanding Volunteer Award  
President's Award  
Volunteer Years of Service  
Leadership Development Pin  
Appreciation Pin  
Honor Pin  
Thanks Badge  
Thanks Badge II

Recognition	Purpose	Requirements	Approval
Outstanding Volunteer Award	For outstanding service that benefits the service unit. The recognition is presented to an outstanding volunteer-other than a leader	Completed Outstanding Leader/Outstanding Volunteer nomination form	Council Recognitions Committee
Outstanding Leader Award	For outstanding troop leadership qualities in the delivery of the Girl Scout program to girls	Completed Outstanding Leader/Outstanding Volunteer nomination form and submit along with two letters of endorsement	Council Recognitions Committee
President's Award	For moving its assigned area or audience toward achievement of the council's goals	Complete a President's Award Application	Council Recognitions Committee
Appreciation Pin	For service to Girl Scouting that is well beyond expectations for the position held. Service is delivered to at least one service unit.	Sponsor submits Appreciation Pin nominations form and seeks endorsements from two additional people.	Council Recognitions Committee and Board of Directors
Honor Pin	For service to Girl Scouting that is above and beyond expectations for the position held. Service is delivered to two or more service units.	Sponsor completes Honor Pin nomination form and obtains endorsements from two additional people from two or more service units.	Council Recognitions Committee and Board of Directors
Thanks Badge	For service to Girl Scouting that is above and beyond expectations for the position held <i>and</i> benefits the total council.	Sponsor submits a Thanks Badge nomination form and obtains letters of endorsement from three additional people who can attest to the quality of service given by the candidate.	Council Recognitions Committee and Board of Directors
Thanks Badge II	The candidate has previously received the Thanks Badge. The quality of service performed is the same as that for the Thanks Badge. This recognition is appropriate when performance surpasses the earlier achievement. It is a way of saying thanks again to an individual who contributes greatly to Girl Scouts. Service benefits the total council.	Sponsor completes a Thanks Badge II nomination form and obtains letters of endorsement from three additional people who can attest to the quality of service given by the candidates.	Council Recognitions Committee and Board of Directors
Leadership Development Pin	For participating in training in subject areas that increase skills in working with girls	Submit a Leadership Development Pin application	Council Recognitions Committee
Volunteer Years of Service Pin	For completing active volunteer service at five-year intervals (5, 10, 15, etc.)	Submit a Volunteer Years of Service Pin application	Council Recognitions Committee

## *Adult Recognition in Girl Scouting*

“Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone” ~G.B. Stern. Everyone likes to feel appreciated. Showing appreciation can be as simple as offering a smile and a thank you for a job well done or it can be formal, such as nominating someone for commendation. Acknowledging the efforts made by others creates an environment where people are happy to offer a hand and proud of the work they do, are generally excited about helping and more willing to go the extra mile.

*Create an attitude of appreciation by:*

- Being aware of the extra effort put forth by an individual
- Taking the time to mention a person's service or thanks for a job well done
- Helping people to attain a higher level of achievement
- Developing a climate where work is sincerely noticed and noted at all levels

*Who to consider for recognition:*

- Adult volunteers in any position in Girl Scouting
- Sponsors who provide invaluable support
- Parents who are supportive of their Girl Scouts and the program

*Some ideas for information recognition:*

- A framed picture of the troop
- A thank you card made by the girls
- Flowers or small token of appreciation presented at a meeting or ceremony
- A thank you note published in a Girl Scout publication (troop, service unit or council), website, Yahoo group or community newspaper
- A special thank you mentioned at a meeting
- Specific awards (“Rookie of the Year”, “Most Valuable Team Member”, “Green Angel”, etc.)
- Fun awards such as note cards (“for a noteworthy achievement”), batteries (“you've added energy to our group”), etc.

