



President's Award Criteria and Procedures

Purpose: To recognize the efforts of a service unit(s) in moving its assigned area or audience toward the council's goals and objectives during a fiscal year.

It is assumed that the primary traditional method of delivery of service is through the service unit. However, if the resources and/or needs of the area or audience to be served require flexible delivery and support, this award would be equally applicable to the group providing direct support, i.e. unit of service rather than geographic area.

Criteria for Selection

1. Each member of the service unit has taken orientation or training appropriate for the position held.
2. Delivery of Girl Scout program is effective, resulting in the retention of 75 percent or more of troop leadership.
3. Overall girl membership for the unit has reached the membership goal agreed upon by the team and the membership manager assigned to the area.
4. Administrative support personnel reflect the diversity of the area.
5. The service unit has evidence of maintaining contacts in the community (e.g., scheduled talks to civic groups, sponsoring agreements, community profile updates).
6. Reports required by the council have been submitted on time.
7. The service unit team maintains ongoing communications with each troop and liaison for girls registered individually in the area.
8. The unit has developed and implemented a plan to contact representatives of each troop that cannot, for whatever reason, attend the service meetings.

Nomination and Approval Procedures

1. The members of the service unit complete the requirements, document the activities and results, and submit an application for the award to the Council Recognition Committee.
2. The Council Recognition Committee reviews the application and submits a written recommendation to approve or deny it, with rationale for this recommendation, to the Council Board of Directors.
3. The Council Board of Directors approves or rejects the application and so notifies the service unit and the Council Recognition Committee.

If the nomination is approved, the President's Award will be presented at the Annual Council Meeting.

If the nomination is denied, the Council Recognition Committee will send an explanation to the individual or group who submitted the nomination. In many cases, a nomination is denied because of incomplete or insufficient information. Another nomination form with additional information can be submitted to the Council Recognition Committee for reconsideration.

Form of Recognition

The recognition is a plaque that is presented to the chair of the service unit team receiving the award. The chair accepts it on behalf of the entire team. On the plaque is a space for the unit name to appear. Each year, nameplates are awarded and added to the plaque, which is displayed in a place of honor in the council. A certificate is also given to the service unit.

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