



Thanks Badge Criteria and Procedures

Criteria for Selection

1. The candidate is an active adult member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA, either as a volunteer or employed staff member.
2. The service performed by the candidate is truly outstanding, *benefits the total council to the entire Girl Scout organization*, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

Nomination and Approval Procedures

1. An individual or group familiar with the service performed by the candidate completes the Thanks Badge application and submits it to the Council Recognition Committee.
2. **Four** individuals or groups who are familiar with the service performed by the candidate submit letters of endorsement to the Council Recognition Committee.
3. The Council Recognition Committee reviews the application and letters of endorsement and submits a written recommendation to approve or deny the nomination, with the rationale for this recommendation, to the Council Board of Directors.
4. The Council Board of Directors approves or rejects the nomination and so notifies the sponsoring individual or group.

If the nomination is approved, the Thanks Badge 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.

Examples of Possible Candidates

- An administrative volunteer who manages the total adult training function within the council at a consistently high level.
- An individual who, over a period of time, supervises a council wide encampment or wider opportunity resulting in membership retention and continuous delivery of Girl Scout program.
- An individual who initiates and successfully manages the extension of Girl Scouting to unserved populations with the councils jurisdiction, such as ethnic groups previously unserved, girls with disabilities, etc.
- An individual who carries a policy decision-making role at the local and national levels at a consistently high level.
- An individual who contributes significantly to the total Girl Scout organization in the delivery of Girl Scout program on an operational level.

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