



2026 Adult Recognitions Booklet

Submissions open Monday, May 4, 2026

Submissions close Monday, June 8 2026

Council Award Requirements

Deadline

All submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 2026. No late submissions will be accepted. All endorsements must be submitted to qualify.

When submissions open

Submissions for the council wide adult recognitions will open on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Nomination Process

Each award requires a nomination form, but the number of endorsements required vary depending on the award. The person who writes the nomination may also write one of the endorsements, if more than one endorsement is required. All endorsements must be turned in prior to the deadline to qualify.

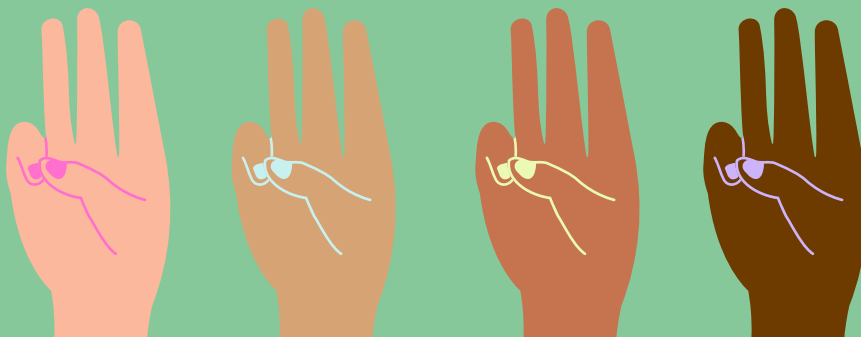
Nominations and Endorsements may be submitted electronically by completing the 2026 Council Wide Recognitions form [HERE](#).

Nominees will be contacted by June 22, 2026 and will receive complimentary admission to our annual L.E.A.D. Conference where they will be recognized!

Nominations will be reviewed by the Volunteer Engagement Committee, dedicated volunteers who host volunteer activities, assist with the L.E.A.D. Conference and review and process Adult Council Recognitions.

Award Presentation

All Adult Recognition awards will be presented at the annual L.E.A.D. Conference.



How to write a Nomination or Endorsement

Be Specific - if the form asks you to describe a service provided that meets the qualifications of the award, be very descriptive.

Uninformative Example

Sally Jones should receive the award because she is always organized and is great with parent volunteers. We are all very fond of her and are willing to be under her leadership.

Informative Example

Sally Jones should receive the award because she is a great example of adult volunteer leadership to both girls and adults. Under the wing of her leadership, ten parents are actively volunteering with troop functions. She recently delegated event preparation details to us while she was out of town for a few weeks.

Because she sends regular troop volunteer emails about the bank account status, upcoming adventures, year-to-date troop goals progress, and continuing volunteer needs, we feel informed and organized to step up to the leadership challenge! Sally is always giving thanks for our support to the troop. When she came back from her trip, she gave thanks to us at the Service Unit meeting by organizing a potluck in recognition of her troop volunteers who provide her with endless support.

Other troop leaders at the meeting were taking notes on all of her great ideas!



Show Results - how is the service measurable?

Uninformative Example

Brenda Garcia provided am excellent training to our volunteers.

Informative Example

Brenda Garcia not only provided excellent CPR & First Aid training to volunteers, she was called upon at the last minute when the assigned trainer became ill. Because of her volunteer service, 10 new volunteers had a chance to become certified in First Aid and CPR.

Letter of Endorsement Sample

Letter of Endorsement for Jane Doe for the Honor Pin
January 20, 2025

The opening paragraph should introduce the purpose of the letter, the nominee, and the reason for the nomination.

I am writing this letter to support Jane Doe who is the Volunteer Support Coach in our Service Unit for the Honor Pin. Jane has diligently worked in our neighborhood as well as other service units to provide quality training to leaders which has resulted in improved delivery of Girl Scouting in all three areas.

The body of the letter should describe the specific service, who benefited from the service and provide results of the service that went beyond the position description.

Jane recognized that many of our leaders did not complete the trainings necessary to help them be successful in their first year as leaders. She realized that in our community many adults work second and third shifts which became a real challenge in trying to get them trained. She found that several close by areas were struggling with the same issue. She called a meeting of the service teams and proposed that they offer training at unconventional times due to the nature of the audience they wanted to serve. Everyone was immediately in agreement with her proposal.

Jane went to the volunteer support staff at the Girl Scout council. Working together with both volunteers and staff, Jane established and delivered three training sessions that offered the courses needed by the untrained volunteers. The amazing thing is that they were offered at a local church from 6 - 9 am when everyone was getting off work. Jane's dedication paid off when 30 inexperienced leaders from three Service Units were trained to work with their troops. She showed that by collaborating with each other, much can be accomplished. Jane's work across the three Service Units benefited over 200 girls in new troops and has created strong relationships with the three Service Teams and staff members. For her innovation in training and in partnership with three Service Units and staff member, Jane Doe deserves the Honor Pin.

Council Awards

🌿 Volunteer of Excellence

The Volunteer of Excellence award is a GSUSA national award that recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members. They must work to further the mission of Girl Scouts while demonstrating inclusiveness.

Requirements:

The candidate must be a current volunteer who has exceeded the expectations in their volunteer role.

Nomination Process:

One nomination and one letter of endorsement.



🌿 Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin is a GSUSA national award that recognizes a registered adult Girl Scout's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service, which has had a measurable impact on at least one geographic area of service (for example, a service unit or town), helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

Requirements:

The candidate must be a current volunteer who has exceeded the expectations for the positions held and impacted at least one geographic area of service within Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada.

Nomination Process:

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required.



Council Awards

Honor Pin

The Honor Pin is a GSUSA national award that recognizes a registered adult Girl Scout's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience which has had a measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.



Requirements:

The candidate must be a current volunteer who has exceeded the expectations for the positions held and impacted two or more service units within Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada.

Nomination Process:

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required.



Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge is the highest honor an adult can receive in Girl Scouting. It recognizes a registered adult Girl Scout whose continued commitment, leadership, and service have made an exceptional and measurable impact on achieving the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the Girl Scout movement as a whole. The nominee's outstanding service has produced results that benefit the entire council or organization and is so far above and beyond expectations that no other award would be sufficient.



Requirements:

Must be an active, background checked volunteer whose work in Girl Scouts has an impact on the entire council or Girl Scout Movement.

Nomination Process:

A nomination form and four letters of endorsement are required.

Council Awards

🌸 Thanks Badge II

The Thanks Badge II is a GSUSA national award that recognizes a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement.



Requirements:

Must be an active volunteer whose work in Girl Scouts has a continuing impact on the entire council or Girl Scout Movement and who has previously received the Thanks Badge.

Nomination Process:

A nomination form and four letters of endorsement are required.

Helpful Hints:

-Measurable Impact: Impact that is large enough to be noticed or significant.

-Mission-Delivery Goals: Assisting in increased retention and membership, increased volunteer engagement, Girl Scout community outreach and/or programs for Girl Scouts.

-Impacting 2 or more geographic areas of service: Offering training, events, activities, etc., that are open to girls or volunteers from more than one Service Unit.

-Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Supporting girls as they Discover, Connect and Take Action in STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills and Entrepreneurship.

CEO Selected Awards

🌿 President's Award

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service-delivery team or committee whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals.



Requirements:

Must be an active volunteer service team or committee whose team has seen exceptional growth and advancement in the last year.

Nomination Process:

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required. Endorsements can come from members of the Service Team.

***One award will be given for the “President’s Award”.**



🌿 Outstanding Community Partner

The Outstanding Community Partner Award recognizes exemplary service to Girl Scouts by a community partner or organization. This award highlights those who give outstanding support to Girl Scouts through programming, volunteer opportunities, delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and/or other means in their community.



Requirements:

The Outstanding Community Partner must be an established organization or vendor in the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada community with a relationship that provides a service to the entire council.

Nomination Process:

One nomination form and one letter of endorsement are required.

***One award will be given for “Outstanding Community Partner”.**