

girl scouts   
of southern nevada

# ADULT

# RECOGNITIONS

*2021 Council-Wide Recognition Handbook*



# COUNCIL-WIDE ADULT RECOGNITIONS

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## DEADLINE

All submissions must be received by 5:00 pm on **Monday, September 20, 2020** fully completed. No late or partial submissions will be accepted.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations and endorsements will be accepted electronically or submitted in-person at the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada office. 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 nominations and endorsements must be turned in together as one submission.

Nominations may be dropped off at the Council office during normal business hours of Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, or mailed.

### GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

2941 Harris Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

If submitting electronically, please complete the electronic nomination form [here](#) and attach the letters of endorsement to the form. **Forms will not be accepted via e-mail.**

## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The Volunteer Engagement Committee is comprised of volunteers who review and process Adult Recognitions at the Service Unit and Council level. Service Unit-level recognitions are presented to volunteers through their respective Service Unit while approved nominations for Council-level Adult Recognitions are presented annually at the L.E.A.D. conference.

### SERVICE UNIT AWARDS:

Thank You, Leader!  
Outstanding Leader  
Outstanding Volunteer  
Rookie of the Year  
Years of Membership  
Years of Service

### COUNCIL-WIDE AWARDS:

Appreciation Pin  
Honor Pin  
Thanks Badge I  
Thanks Badge II  
Man of the Year  
Volunteer of Excellence  
The President's Award  
Golden Volunteer  
Outstanding Community Partner

# GIRL SCOUTS ADULT AWARDS FACT SHEET & REQUIREMENTS

## APPRECIATION PIN



**Does this volunteer give service beyond the troop level but within a single service unit?**

The Appreciation Pin 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, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

**Requirements:**

The candidate must be a current, background checked volunteer who has exceeded the expectations for the positions held and impacted at least one geographic area of service.

**Nomination process:**

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required.

## HONOR PIN



**Does this volunteer give service to two or more service units?**

The Honor Pin recognizes a registered adult Girl Scout's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience which has had 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, background checked 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.

## MAN OF THE YEAR PIN



**Does this male volunteer go above and beyond for the Girl Scout Movement?**

The Man of the Year Award recognizes a male volunteer who exceeded expectations in delivery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience by delivering above and beyond expectations in any of the following areas: Recruitment, Member Relations, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, Marketing, Training, and/or Support Services and by demonstrating consistent inclusivity.

**Requirements:**

The candidate must identify as male and be a current, background checked volunteer who has exceeded his positions' expectations.

**Nomination process:**

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required.

## THANKS BADGE



**Does this volunteer give outstanding service that benefits the total council or Girl Scout Movement?**

The Thanks Badge is one of the highest honors in Girl Scouts. It honors a registered adult Girl Scout whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or entire Girl Scout Movement.

**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.

## THANKS BADGE II



**Volunteer received the Thanks Badge and continues to give outstanding service.**

The Thanks Badge II 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, background checked volunteer whose work in Girl Scouts has an 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.

## VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE



**Does this volunteer give service exclusively at the troop level?**

The Volunteer of Excellence award 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 inclusivity.

**Requirements:**

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

**Nomination process:**

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required.



# CEO SELECTED AWARDS

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD



**Is the award for a team or group?**

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 service team or committee with all members background checked volunteers 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.

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER



**Is this an organization who has provided exemplary support for Girl Scouts?**

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 GSSNV community with a relationship that provides a service to Girl Scouts.

**Nomination process:**

One nomination and one letter of endorsement is required.

## GOLDEN VOLUNTEER

**Does this volunteer give exemplary service to the Girl Scout Movement through the Highest Awards Program?**

Established in 2018, the Golden Volunteer Award is a volunteer who provided leadership to the Highest Awards program as a troop leader, committee member, project advisor or council trainer, showed outstanding guidance to girls seeking the Highest Awards, promoted and encouraged Highest Awards projects in their community, and/or encouraged sustainable projects with a global focus in accordance with GSUSA and GSSNV guidelines.

**Requirements:**

The candidate must be a current, background checked volunteer in good standing.

**Nomination process:**

One nomination and two letters of endorsement are required.

# NOMINATION DO'S AND DON'TS

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Only nominate each person for 1 award

Fill the nomination form completely

Nominate someone who meets all the requirements of the award

Nominate someone you feel deserves recognition for their work with Girl Scouts

Nominate someone you know and have worked with in Girl Scouts

Ask people like girls, parents, fellow troop leaders to write endorsements

Ensure there are enough letters of endorsement



Nominate someone who has already won the award

Leave questions blank on the nomination form

Nominate someone who does NOT meet all the requirements of an award

Turn in the nomination late

Nominate someone you don't know

Wait until the last minute to ask for endorsements

Submit a nomination form without endorsements

# COUNCIL-WIDE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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Please refer to the award descriptions for each award's specific requirements and nomination processes. This form is only to be used for Council-Wide Awards. Each individual Service Unit has their own processes of recognition.

**Nominator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award for Which You Are Nominating (Please choose only one):**

Appreciation Pin

The President's Award

Volunteer of Excellence

Honor Pin

Thanks Badge

Golden Volunteer

Man of the Year

Thanks Badge II

Outstanding Community Partner

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Service Unit or Troop Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Endorsements included:** \_\_\_\_\_

In a short paragraph please explain why you chose to nominate this person for an award, including how they have met the requirements of the award as written in the award description.

# HOW TO WRITE A GREAT ENDORSEMENT

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## BE SPECIFIC

The L.E.A.D. Committee will receive all nominations and endorsements with identifiers like names, troop numbers and service units removed. Don't assume the committee already knows what a position or event requires. Use detail to explain why the nominee deserves to win this award.

## KEEP IT BRIEF

An endorsement doesn't need to be six pages to be effective. An endorsement needs to be a minimum of one page and a maximum of two.

## MAKE SURE IT'S RELEVANT

Check the award requirements and description to make sure you're nominating the right person for the right award and that your endorsements speak to the qualifications and achievements the award honors.

## WRITE WHAT YOU KNOW

You should only write an endorsement about a person you know and have worked with personally and only write about an event or attribute you have personally witnessed.

## DON'T JUST MAKE A LIST

It's easy to just list the job description of a position but what did the candidate do that went above and beyond the normal job? How did they make an impact? Why do they deserve this special honor?

## PROOFREAD

It's important your endorsement makes sense and can be read clearly by the L.E.A.D. Committee. Take a moment to proofread and check for errors before submitting.

## COORDINATE

Nominations and endorsements should all be turned in as one packet. Make sure you are communicating with the nominator and other endorsers.

## BE ON TIME

Late submissions will not be accepted, even if just one letter is missing. Make sure you, and everyone else who is writing an endorsement or nomination, turn in everything by **5:00 pm on September 20th**.



# LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

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Please refer to the award descriptions for each award's specific requirements and nomination processes. This form is only to be used for Council-Wide Awards. Each individual Service Unit has their own processes of recognition.

**Endorser's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

In detail, please explain why you chose to endorse this person for an award, including how they have met the requirements of the award as written in the award description.

# LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Please use this Letter of Endorsement to submit with the nomination packet (printed or **electronic nomination form**). Must be submitted with nomination form and will NOT be accepted separately.