



Nominate the outstanding volunteer in your life!

Adult Awards HANDBOOK

2021 Edition



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Adult Award Overview

Girl Scouts and Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York would like to recognize our leaders for all the hard work that they put in throughout the year and cumulative years. There are three types of awards available to volunteers, awards from the USA Corporation for National & Community Service (NCS), Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY).

To Nominate a Volunteer for an Award

Review the awards available and select the most appropriate award. Awards can only be provided to adults who are registered Girl Scout volunteers. Each award requires a certain amount of endorsement letters.

You can fill out the form here: <https://form.jotform.com/210215028401033>

Or submit your paper application to
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Girl Scouts NENY
8 Mountain View Avenue
Albany NY 12205
Mlee@girlscoutsneny.org

Receiving a Volunteer Award

All nominations are reviewed and awards status is determined by the GSNENY Volunteer Services Department and select committee members, unless otherwise noted. Awards will be given out at the Annual Volunteer Dinners in June, at our Facebook Live Event held in June, or will be mailed out individually to the volunteer in question.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinners

The GSNENY Volunteer Services Department and GSNENY Council honors their volunteers annually at an Appreciation Dinner. These dinners are free to Registered Girl Scout Volunteers. There are 3 dinners held in different parts of the GSNENY Council area.

All dinners take place 5:30-8pm.

- 5:30pm Networking and mingling
- 6:00pm Dinner is served
- 6:30pm Awards ceremony begins



National & Community Service Awards

In 2003, the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President’s Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America’s strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

These awards are earned based on self-reported hours. Hours must be tracked with tracked with the Volunteer Services Team, contact mlee@girlscoutsny.org to begin the process of earning this award.

For full information on the award, eligibility, and restrictions please visit: presidentalserviceawards.gov

These awards are available to Girls as well; Girl requirements differ from adult requirements – for more information please contact mlee@girlscoutsny.org.

President’s Volunteer Service Award - Bronze



Purpose Recognizes volunteers for their hours of service to a volunteer organization, GSNENY.

Appropriate For Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer.

Requirements Must complete service within a 12-month period
Complete 100-249 hours of Service.

President’s Volunteer Service Award - Silver



Purpose Recognizes volunteers for their hours of service to a volunteer organization, GSNENY.

Appropriate For Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer.

Requirements Must complete service within a 12-month period
Complete 250-499 hours of Service.

President’s Volunteer Service Award - Gold



Purpose Recognizes volunteers for their hours of service to a volunteer organization, GSNENY.

Appropriate For Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer.

Requirements Must complete service within a 12-month period
Complete 500+ hours of Service.



GSUSA National Awards

The GSUSA National Awards are the highest Adult Awards that can be earned in Girl Scouting. The criteria for these awards are set by GSUSA and awards are distributed for service that is above and beyond the expected position of a volunteer when no other award would be appropriate.

Volunteer of Excellence



Purpose	Recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with Girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) 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.
Appropriate for	Girl Scout Adult Member who has been an approved volunteer of 1 years (minimally)
Requirements	2 letters of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls

Appreciation Pin



Purpose	Recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). This service, must have measurable impact on one service area, and have helped the council reach / surpass its mission-delivery goals.
Appropriate for	Girl Scout Adult Member who has been an approved volunteer of 2 years (minimally)
Requirements	Nomination form 2 letters of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls

Honor Pin



Purpose	Recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), with measurable impact on two or more service areas, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission delivery goals.
Appropriate for	Girl Scout Adult Member who has been an approved volunteer of 2 years (minimally)
Requirements	3 letters of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls.

GSUSA National Awards (continued)

The GSUSA National Awards are the highest Adult Awards that can be earned in Girl Scouting. The criteria for these awards are set by GSUSA and awards are distributed for service that is above and beyond the expected position of a volunteer when no other award would be appropriate.

Thanks Badge Level I



Purpose

This volunteer's ongoing commitment, leadership, and service has had an exceptional, measurable impact on Girl Scout Goals.

Appropriate for

Girl Scout Adult Member who has been an approved volunteer of 2 years (minimally)

Requirements

Requires two (2) endorsement letters, two (2) years of volunteer experience.

Thanks Badge Level II



Purpose

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

Appropriate for

Girl Scout Adult Member who has been an approved volunteer of 4 years (minimally)

Requirements

Nominee has previously earned the Thanks Badge.
3 letters of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls.



GSNENY Council Awards

The GSNENY Awards are the Adult Awards that can be earned only in the Northeastern New York Council. The criteria for these awards are set by GSNENY and awards are distributed for service that is above and beyond the expected position of a volunteer. These awards are available to all volunteers in good standing throughout the council.

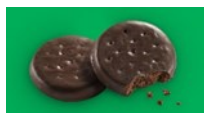
Diversity Matters



Purpose	Recognizes a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to include diverse members of their community in the Girl Scout movement.
Appropriate for	Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer
Requirements	2 letters of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls.

Product Program

Rising Star



Purpose	Recognize a new volunteer, focused in helping a troop or Service Unit with the product program, who has fully embraced the Girl Scout movement with energy and passion and has performed outstanding work in their first or second year.
Appropriate for	A leader, in good standing, is nominated by the Girls/parents of their troop for the exceptional Girl Scout Experience that the leader delivers.
Requirements	1 letter of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls.

Man Enough to be a Girl Scout



Rising Star



Purpose	Recognizes male volunteers who have provided outstanding service to Girl Scout mission.
Appropriate for	A male Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer
Requirements	2 letters of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls.
Purpose	Recognizes a first-year volunteer who has fully embraced the Girl Scout movement with energy and passion and has performed outstanding work in their first or second year.
Appropriate for	Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer in their first year or second of service
Requirements	1 letter of endorsement from volunteers, parents, or Girls

Golden Leader



Purpose	A leader, in good standing, is nominated by the Girls/parents of their troop for the exceptional Girl Scout Experience that the leader delivers.
Appropriate for	Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer
Requirements	1 letter of endorsement from the Troop's Girls or parents.

GSNENY Council Nominated Awards

These are awards that are Council-nominated. These cannot be nominated for by volunteers but we place them here to make you aware of them.

Helping Hands



Purpose

Recognizes adult volunteers who give of their time to assist with council-run events, programming, council committees, and product sales initiatives. This award will be cumulative; with a charm hand added each year the award is received. Girl Scout Adult Member who is an approved volunteer

Legacy



Purpose

Recognizes a volunteer with 10 or more consecutive years with the same service unit. This award is automatically given when a member serves ten years.

Service Unit Cookie Rockstar



Purpose

This award is given to the Service Unit Cookie Manager for their dedication to the Cookie Product Program. Managers that increase their overall cookie sales by 10% from the previous year will receive this award.

Service Unit Sweets and treats Rockstar



Purpose

This award is given to the Service Unit Sweets and Treats Manager for their dedication to the Sweets and Treats Product Program. Managers that increase their overall Sweets and Treats sales by 10% from the previous year will receive this award.

Service to Adults Award



Purpose

This award is given to the Service Unit that has an adult retention rate of 75% or more.

Years of Service



Purpose

To recognize long-term Volunteers. These awards are given in five year increments. Girl and Adult Years should be calculated. Volunteers with over 25 years of experience will be recognized at the annual dinners.

GSNENY Service to Girl Awards

Purpose To recognize volunteers based on progressing requirements of participation in their Service Unit. This award has 7 levels of achievement.

Green	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p>	
Blue	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p> <p>Participate on a Service Unit activity committee</p>	
Purple	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p> <p>Attend a Service Unit activity</p> <p>Participate on a Service Unit activity committee</p>	
Pink	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p> <p>Attend a Service Unit activity</p> <p>Participate on a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Chair a Service Unit activity committee</p>	
Red	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p> <p>Attend a Service Unit activity</p> <p>Participate on a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Chair a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Attend GSNENY or other enrichment training</p>	
Orange	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p> <p>Attend a Service Unit activity</p> <p>Participate on a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Chair a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Attend GSNENY or other enrichment training</p> <p>Hold a service unit team position or be a delegate for your Service Unit</p>	
Yellow	<p>Be a registered troop leader or service team member.</p> <p>Attend or be represented at 75% of SU Leader meetings</p> <p>Attend a Service Unit activity</p> <p>Participate on a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Chair a Service Unit activity committee</p> <p>Attend GSNENY or other enrichment training</p> <p>Hold a service unit team position or be a delegate for your Service Unit</p> <p>Volunteer on a GSNENY council committee or event</p>	

To receive these pins, Service Unit Managers must submit a list each year to mlee@girlscoutsneny.org with names and Pin level. List must be received by May 31st to be given at the annual dinners.

Award Nomination Form

Please note: This form is only to be filled out if for some reason you cannot access the online form, available here:

<https://form.jotform.com/210215028401033>.

It is preferable to submit online.

Individual Completing Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Troop # _____ SU # _____

Nominee Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Troop # _____ SU # _____

Volunteer Positions:

Leader _____ Service Unit Manager _____ Other _____

Assistant Leader _____ Cookie Helper _____

Award Nominations

National

- Volunteer of Excellence (2 letters)
- Appreciation Pin (2 letters)
- Honor Pin (2 letters)
- Thanks Badge I (2 letters)
- Thanks Badge II (3 letters)

GSNENY Council

- Diversity Matters Award (2 letters)
- Golden Leader (1 letter)
- Man Enough to be A Girl Scout (2 letters)
- Rising Star (1 letter)
- Product Program Rising Star (1 letter)

Required Documentation

Each award requires at least one endorsement letter, along with this form for consideration for approval.

Letters should be sent to the email address below. Some awards require a minimum years of service; please check the details of the award for the relevant info.

Please submit this form and the required documentation via email or mail:

mlee@girlscoutsny.org

Albany Service Center, Attention Volunteer Services, 8 Mountain View Ave., Albany NY 12205

