












## Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road & Girl Scouts of the USA Awards

Award	Award Purpose	Award Packet Requirement
<p>Volunteer of Excellence</p> 	<p>For outstanding service while partnering directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through the use of Girl Scout Journeys, the Girls Guide to Girl Scouting, The Volunteer Toolkit or any other GSUSA resource.  <i>Potential Candidates: Troop Leader, Troop Assistant, day camp volunteer, service team member, and many more.</i>  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Required – 2 Endorsement Forms  Optional – Additional Documentation/Pictures Due by February 15</p>
<p>Appreciation Pin</p> 	<p>Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service to one service unit or geographic area. <i>Potential Candidates: Day camp volunteer, Troop Leader, or series facilitator.</i>  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Required – 2 Endorsement Forms Optional – Additional Documentation/Pictures Due by February 15</p>
<p>Honor Pin</p> 	<p>Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service to two or more service units or geographic areas. <i>Potential Candidates: Facilitator of adult learning/trainer, volunteer serving on council, or regional task group, board member.</i>  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Required – 3 Endorsement Forms Optional – Additional Documentation/Pictures Due by February 15</p>
<p>Thanks Badge I</p> 	<p>Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service that has benefited the entire council or Girl Scout Movement. <i>Potential Candidates: Council task group chair, board member, a volunteer who increased program opportunities for girls, council learning facilitator/trainer who developed new resources.</i>  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Required – 4 Endorsement Forms Optional – Additional Documentation/Pictures Due by February 15</p>
<p>Thanks Badge II</p> 	<p>Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service that has benefited the entire council or Girl Scout Movement who has already received the Thanks Badge. <i>Potential Candidates: Council task group chair, board member, a volunteer who increased program opportunities for girls, council trainer who developed new resources.</i>  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Required – 4 Endorsement Forms Optional – Additional Documentation/Pictures Due by February 15</p>
<p>Pearl Award</p>	<p>Recognizes a volunteer for outstanding service that has benefited the entire council or Girl Scout Movement and who has already received the Thanks Badge II. It should be at least three years since receiving the Thanks Badge II  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Required -4 Endorsement Forms Optional- Additional Documentation/Pictures Due by February 15</p>
<p>President's Award</p> 	<p>Recognizes a service unit team who surpasses team goals and results in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals. Service team striving to achieve this recognition should complete a Service Unit Plan. <i>Potential Candidate are service units who have met goals in Membership, Troop Support, and Programming.</i>  <b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nomination form completed by the Service Unit Manager Due by February 15</p>

<p>Juliette Low Leadership Award</p>	<p>This is a national award that recognizes individuals and council who have enriched and leveraged the global understanding of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting to grow responsible global citizens. The recipient must show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Her/his impact on girls</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Commitment to Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Promote global awareness of the Movement</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Leverage her/his leadership for the betterment of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nomination form on the GSUSA website. Approved by the GSUSA National Board of Directors 2 letters of endorsement</p>
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<p>Years of Service Pin</p>  <p>Membership Year Pin</p> 	<p>Recognized a registered adult member for the numbers of active service as a volunteer. The council will purchase pins for 20 years and above. The pin comes in 5-year increments: 20, 25, 30, etc.</p> <p><b>May be mailed or presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p> <p>This pin indicates the total number of years as a registered member of Girl Scouts, including girl and adult years. The pin comes in 5-year increments: 5, 10, 15, etc. The council will purchase these pins.</p> <p><b>May be mailed or presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Volunteer completes Volunteer Years of Service Pin Request Form Cannot apply for the Service Pin &amp; Membership Pin Guard in the same year Due by February 15</p> <p>Volunteer completes Membership Year Pin Request Form Cannot apply for the Service Pin &amp; Membership Pin Guard in the same year Due by February 15</p>
<p>Extraordinary Events</p> 	<p>Recognizes excellence in service unit programming. Each cluster may award 4 per cluster per year</p> <p><b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nominated by the Service Unit Manager or Event Director</p>
<p>Community Recognition</p>  	<p>Recognizes businesses, places of faith and community organizations for significant contributions of support to the local Girl Scout Program. It may be presented to anyone not directly involved in Girl Scouting who has contributed to its promotion.</p> <p><b>Presented locally or in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nomination form Due by February 15</p>
<p>Living Legacy</p>	<p>Recognizes a leader, co-leader or leadership team that started a troop as kindergarten Daisies and continued the same troop until the girls became graduated Ambassadors. Girls are encouraged to attend the award presentation with their leader/mentor.</p> <p><b>Presented in April at the Spring Awards Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nomination form and one endorsement letter. Letter can be written by another volunteer, parent or girls in the troops Due by February 15 Additional documentation highlighting the 13 years of Girl Scouting is encouraged</p>
<p>Go-Getter</p>	<p>Recognizes a volunteer who has put significant effort and creativity into finding and recruiting more girls and adults into Girl Scouts. Example of such service include recruitment events, school recruitment, community recruitment, etc.</p> <p><b>Presented in April at the Spring Award Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nomination for submitted by Service Unit Manager or Service Team Member Due by February 15</p>

Outdoor Enthusiast	<p>Recognizes a volunteer who had made the outdoor experience possible in Girl Scouting and provides creative, recreational, and education outdoor opportunities for girls. This service is beyond the troop experience where the service makes the outdoor experience available to a wide number of girls. <i>Examples of service include Service Unit encampments, outdoor events for troops, training adults in Troop Camp training, day camp, resident camp, etc.</i></p> <p><b>Presented in April at the Spring Award Celebration</b></p>	<p>Nomination Form 2 letters of endorsement Due by February 15</p>
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*Awards Presented at the October Fall Association Meeting*

<b>Troop Angel</b>	Recognizes a volunteer who has served as a mentor for a new troop leader for their first year. <b>Presented at the October Fall Association Meeting</b>	Self-Nomination form due June 30th
<b>Plus Pin</b>	Recognizes volunteers who have recruited adults to serve in troop leadership. Recruiting one leader entitles you receive the Plus Pin. Recruiting (5) leaders earns the numeral five (5) to your plus and so forth in five number increments. Recruited leaders must get registered and complete their <i>Welcome to Girl Scouts</i> . <b>Presented at the October Fall Association Meeting</b>	Self-Nomination form due June 30th
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	Recognizes first year troop leaders for excellences in girl programming. May award one per grade level per service unit. <b>Presented at the October Fall Association Meeting</b>	Required Nomination form Optional- Additional Documentation/Picture s
<b>Service Unit Star Award</b>	Recognizes a volunteer who has provided significant service as a Service Team Member for at least 2 years in the following capacities: Service Unit Manager, Treasurer, Product Manager, Recruiter OR 3 years in the following: Events/Programs, Community Service Projects and Media Manager <b>Presented at the October Fall Association Meeting</b>	Nomination Form 1 letter of endorsement Due June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Keep the Promise, Live the Law</b>	Recognizes a leader, co-leader or leadership team who completes their fourth year of service in troop leadership. <b>Presented at the October Fall Association Meeting</b>	Nomination form due June 30th

## **Which Award is the Right Award?**

Do you know of a great volunteer that you would like to nominate for an award?  
Use the chart below to help you find the right award for the service that they have provided to girls, the community or a service unit.

# Fantastic Girl Scout Volunteer

- ☐ Volunteer is a currently registered member
- ☐ Volunteer is in good standing, including having an updated background check (if required for role)

Call Troop Support to find out  
1-800-475-2621

Has gone above and beyond their job description in their volunteer role

Who did this work impact?

First year troop leader any grade level does an amazing job!

**Rookie of the Year**

Direct service to girls

Girls and adults in one service unit

Girls and adults in a circle or multiple service units

The council and/or Girl Scout Organization

Is volunteer on the service team?

Yes

No

**Volunteer of Excellence**

**Extraordinary Events OR Troop Angel**

**Appreciation Pin**

**Honor Pin**

**Thanks Badge I or Thanks Badge II**

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