



# GSSI Awards

*Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana (GSSI) developed these local awards to recognize the time, energy, and contributions of volunteers whose service has been exemplary. Nominations are due by April 30, for presentation at appropriate service area or community meetings. All individuals must meet the minimum requirements for their position, including membership, background screening, and training.*

## **The Community Award**

This certificate recognizes an individual or group in the community that has been consistently supportive of Girl Scouting. Examples of recipients include places of worship and schools who have for years provided a place for troops to meet and additional support (clerical assistance, volunteers, publicity or communication to members, etc.), as well as community partners who have generously donated their time and facilities to offer GSLE-based program to girls in their community. By April 30, submit GSSI nomination form plus endorsement from service team or staff. [Online Form](#)

## **The “Behind the Scenes” Award**

This certificate recognizes adult and teen volunteer members who have been instrumental in the success of Girl Scouting in their service area by using their organizational skills in indirect service to girls. Examples of recipients include event coordinators, day camp directors, and service area managers. By April 30, submit GSSI nomination form plus endorsement from service team or staff. [Online Form](#)

## **The “Innovator” Award**

This certificate recognizes adult and teen volunteer members who are successfully implementing new ideas in their troop, cluster, service unit, or the council. Examples of recipients of this award include troop leaders who develop a new activity based on a Journey theme, and a service area event coordinator who uses an existing event but adds an exciting GSLE component. By April 30, submit GSSI nomination form plus endorsement from service team or staff. [Online Form](#)

## **The “Shining Star” Award**

This certificate recognizes adult members who inspire, motivate, and support other volunteers (at any level). Examples of recipients of this award include cluster mentors who provide exceptional support to new volunteers, service area managers who are so passionate about Girl Scouting that attendance at service area events increases substantially, and a member of a volunteer committee/task force/board whose support is crucial in the completion of a task that would not have been accomplished without his/her participation. By April 30, submit GSSI nomination form plus endorsement from service team or staff. [Online Form](#)

## **The “Rising Star” Award**

This certificate recognizes new adult volunteer members, in their first or second year of service, who have fully embraced the Girl Scouting movement with energy and passion. Examples of recipients of this award include a troop volunteer (01 or 02) who has led a troop to Honor Troop status in the first year, and a new volunteer who has selflessly volunteered in any service area committee. By April 30, submit GSSI nomination form plus endorsement from service team or staff. [Online Form](#)

Note: Awards are earned for service in a given year. Awards can be earned more than once over the years, other than “Rising Star” which is earned only once.