

FORMAL GSUSA ADULT AWARDS

DESCRIPTIONS & CRITERIA

GSUSA offers several formal awards that can be bestowed upon deserving adult volunteers. **All submissions need to be received by February 15** and should be complete, including all endorsement letters, in order to be considered. Anyone can nominate a volunteer. Complete the forms at the link below to submit your nomination.

[NOMINATION FORM](#)

[LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FORM](#)



Appreciation Pin

This 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 one geographic area of service, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

Criteria:

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held, and made an impact on one geo-graphic area within the council's jurisdiction.

Honor Pin

An 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.

Criteria:

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The service performed by the nominee is above and beyond the expectations for the position held and made an impact on two or more geographic areas within the council's jurisdiction.





Thanks Badge I



Thanks Badge II

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This badge is the highest honor 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.

Criteria:

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

Thanks Badge II

This badge 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.

Criteria:

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefited the

total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

Volunteer of Excellence

Introduced in 2013, 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.

Criteria:

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The nominee has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for the position.
- The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the National Program Portfolio, or
- The nominee's performance has been beyond the expectations of the position and has supported the council's mission delivery goals in one or more of the following functional areas: Membership Development/Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service (such as IT, Customer Service, Product Sales, etc.).
- The nominee actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

The Susan M. Longest Leadership Award

The Susan M. Longest Leadership Award is the highest adult award available to Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana and is named for current Lifetime Member Susan Longest. Susan has actively served our council for over 20 years in many roles, including troop leader, service unit chair, event coordinator, Member-at-Large, and Chair of the Board of Directors. She is a recipient of the Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II. This award recognizes an active Girl Scout member who has been a member for at least five years and has received BOTH the Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II. This award recognizes the furtherance of the entire Girl Scout Movement through public and highly visible community involvement and visionary leadership, whose work in creating greater possibilities for girls shows extraordinary results and whose contributions are significantly beyond the expectations of the position. This award requires a nomination plus two letters of endorsement and approval by the Board of Directors.