

**girl scouts**   
of the jersey shore



## *Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Council Awards*

Celebrating the volunteers who give their time and hearts  
to benefit Girl Scouts in Monmouth and Ocean counties!



Appreciation is an ongoing, everyday process for anyone, anywhere, anytime. Showing appreciation for one another is a good way to show respect, to relate to each other's strengths, and to build mutual commitment. Recognitions are tangible reminders of rewarding relationships between people and Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore recognizes its volunteers on two levels. Awards were created specifically for volunteers who contribute to the region and/or council. One group is awarded at the Council Awards ceremony each year.

Volunteers are also presented with awards at a Regional Awards event for service to their community and region. Adult Recognition ceremonies are held in the Spring of each year.

The criteria for all council awards can be found in this booklet. If you are interested in nominating a volunteer for a specific award, be sure to use the appropriate online form that can be found at [GSFun.org/CouncilAwards](https://GSFun.org/CouncilAwards) during the months of December and January.

Awards in this book are for service during the previous 12 months. The nomination deadline is February 1.



## Membership Numeral Guard

Just by registering as a Girl Scout member, adults are eligible to receive a membership numeral guard. These are given in increments of five years and include any years as a girl member. Once a member has been registered for 20 years, she/he may be recognized at the council awards event. For those registered fewer than 20 years, members will be recognized at the regional awards ceremony. This recognition can be requested by the recipient.



## Volunteer Years of Service

Similarly, volunteers can receive a Volunteer Years of Service Pin for years of active service to the Girl Scout organization as an adult. These are given for 5 and 10 years at the regional awards event. At the council awards event, pins are given for 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, and 60 years of service. This pin can be requested by the recipient or another person.

*For staff, alumni, board members, and any others who are not part of the regional operations, all of the above pins will be given at the annual council-level recognition.*

# Council Awards

## Good Neighbor Award—Community

Recognizes community members, such as businesses, organizations, or individual citizens, whose services have contributed directly to the council.

### Criteria:

1. Candidate is a business or organization or individual not registered as a member of the Girl Scout organization.
2. Candidate has demonstrated service/support directly to the council.  
-or-
3. Candidate is a community member who has provided service to a Girl Scout region for more than five consecutive years.

### Examples:

- Radio personality who consistently mentions GS on air
- Facility that offers space for council programs/trainings/vents.
- Local business who donates services to council properties/departments, etc.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



## Good Neighbor Award —

### Intern Program and Outreach Troop Support

Recognizes supervisors, college interns and school helpers who have provided great support by delivering program to Girl Scouts who otherwise would never have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

### Criteria:

1. Candidate is a volunteer who has provided assistance for council's outreach programs.
2. Candidate may be registered or not registered.

### Examples:

- College intern working for the council in outreach program or in council office.
- School workers who assist with council's after school program.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



# Council Awards



## Outstanding Achievement Award

Recognizes an adult member who has provided outstanding service in one particular area of service. The recipient may receive this for more than one area per year. Once the pin has been received, recipients will receive the award in the form of a council gift certificate.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has provided outstanding contributions to the council in one specific area of service: fundraising, GSLE, marketing/communications, product sales program, recruitment, volunteer support.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



## Appreciation Pin

Recognizes an adult who has delivered outstanding service to at least one area of service, community, or program delivery audience.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has provided outstanding service to an area or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the council's goals.
3. The candidate's service goes beyond the expectations.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



## Shining Light Award

Recognizes an adult member who has provided a high quality of service to the council for several years.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has demonstrated a continued high quality of dedicated service to the council resulting in significant contributions to the advancement of the Girl Scout organization.
3. The candidate has received the Appreciation Pin.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.

# Council Awards

## Honor Pin

Recognizes an adult member who has delivered outstanding service to a region or multiple program delivery audiences.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has provided outstanding service to two or more areas or program delivery audiences in a way that furthers the council's goals.
3. The candidate's service goes beyond the expectations.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with two endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



## Meritorious Service Award

Recognizes an adult member who has delivered continuous outstanding service to the council.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has provided continuous outstanding service that significantly promotes the goals of the council.
3. The candidate has received the Honor Pin.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with two endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



## Waves of Gratitude

Recognizes a longtime high-level adult member who continues to contribute to the advancement of the Girl Scout movement.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has volunteered for at least 15 years and has already received other council awards.
3. The candidate has contributed to their community, their region, and the council in a significant manner.
4. This award can be earned every five (5) years if the same level of excellence is met or exceeded.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with two endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



# Council Awards

## Thanks Badge

Recognizes an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has provided outstanding service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement.
3. The candidate's service is so significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with three endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.

## Thanks Badge II

Recognizes an adult member who has already received the Thanks Badge and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult.
2. The candidate has received the Thanks Badge.
3. Since the receipt of the Thanks Badge, the candidate has provided distinguished service by:
  - continuing to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time or
  - increasing her/his sphere of influence, or
  - using her/his skills and talents in another area
4. The candidate's service benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.
5. The candidate's service is outstanding and is so significantly beyond expectations that no other award is appropriate.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with three endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.





# Council Awards

## Trefoil Award

Recognizes the achievement of a long time volunteer or staff member who has already received the Thanks Badge II and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult for a minimum of 25 years.
2. The candidate has received the Thanks Badge II no less than five years ago.
3. Since the receipt of the Thanks Badge II, the candidate has provided distinguished service by continuing to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time, increasing her/his sphere of influence.
4. The candidate's service benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement.

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with three endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.

## Jessie Blair Above & Beyond Award

Recognizes the achievement of a long time volunteer or staff member who has already received the Thanks Badge II and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the council, the entire Girl Scout movement and the community.

### Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult for at least 25 years
2. The candidate has received the Thanks Badge II no less than five years ago.
3. Since the receipt of the Thanks badge II, the candidate has provided distinguished service by continuing to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time, increasing her/his sphere of influence.
4. The candidate's service benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout movement.
5. The candidate is an active member of another service organization in her/his community (religious or secular).

### Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with three endorsement names with a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.



# Additional Awards

The following awards are normally given at the regional level but where volunteers are only active at the council level, they may be given at the council's annual recognition ceremony.

## **Outstanding Volunteer**

Recognizes an adult in a position other than leader or in addition to being a leader whose service bene-fits a community in a way that is beyond expectations.

### **Criteria:**

1. The candidate is a registered adult member.
2. The candidate has completed appropriate training or demonstrated competence for the posi-tion or both.
3. The candidate has performed at a level that exceeds expectations.
4. The award can only be earned once and has a limit of 1 for every 25 troops in the region.



### **Nomination:**

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services per-formed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.

## **Volunteer of Excellence**

Recognizes a volunteer who has contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls and/or adults using the national program portfolio.

### **Criteria:**

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate has partnered directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio -or- has contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girls and adult members.
3. The award can only be earned once and has a limit of 1 for every 25 troops in the region.



### **Nomination:**

An individual or group submits an online Council Nomination form with a description of services per-formed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria.