

Regional Awards



Colonial

Sandy Hook

Shore Pines

Sunset Shores



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 regional 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 www.GSFun.org/RegionalAwards during the months of December through February.

Awards in this book are for service during the previous 12 months.

The nomination deadline is March 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 pin can be requested by the recipient or another person.



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.



Regional Good Neighbor Award

Recognizes community members, such as a business or individual, whose service has contributed directly to a community or region. Form of the award may vary. Examples include certificate, pin, plaque, etc. to be determined by the region.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a group, a business, or an individual who is not registered in Girl Scouts.
2. The candidate has demonstrated service/support to the local community or region.
3. Can be given more than once but not annually.

Examples: Firehouse used as Cookie Depot, meeting places provided by schools

Nomination:

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

Certification of Appreciation

Recognizes outstanding completion of a designated task that supports Girl Scouting in a community and/or region.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate has demonstrated service/support to the local community or region.
3. Can be given multiple times for different tasks and in multiple years.

Nomination:

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



Star Rookie Award

Recognizes the first year troop/group leader who has made the most significant contribution to the community.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate fulfills troop leader responsibilities per position description.
3. The candidate has completed all required training within the required time.
4. There is a limit of 10 to 15 per region and can only be earned once.

Nomination:

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



Step Up Award

Recognizes a volunteer who contributes to the region's girl programming by running a girl event for the first time.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member.
2. The candidate has run an event for girls in the community or region for the first time.
3. Can only be given once per person.

Nomination:

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



Growing in Girl Scouts

Recognizes a volunteer who grows membership by running an event for the first time, which results in new members.

Criteria:

1. The candidate participates in the regions recruitment efforts.
2. The candidate has run an event to recruit new girls in the community or region in the current Girl Scout year (including inviting girls to a troop meeting) resulting in new Girl Scout members.
3. Can only be given once per person.

Nomination:

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



Soaring High

Recognizes significant contributions of an adult member to the advancement of the GS program within a community for outstanding completion of a designated task.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member and has completed all training.
2. The candidate has made multiple commitments to the community for the current membership year.
3. Can only be given once per person and there is a limit of one for every ten troops in the region.

Nomination:

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



Open Arms Award

Recognizes a leader who accepts more girls into her/his troop by exceeding the recommended troop size, thereby reducing the number of girls in the community/region who are waiting for troop placement and increasing girl membership.



Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member.
2. The candidate has added girls to her or his troop which increases the troop size to more than 15 registered girls.
3. Can be given in more than one year.

Nomination:

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

Juliette Low Award

Recognizes a volunteer who has made significant contributions to the community.



Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered leader for at least three years.
2. The candidate has attended a majority of community meetings.
3. The candidate's troop has participated in a community, region, or council event or activity.
4. The candidate has served in an additional volunteer capacity (other than leader.)
5. Can only be earned once.

Nomination:

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

Helping Hands Award

Recognizes various commitments to the community where no other award's criteria fit.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate has provided service to the community or region that enhances program delivery or offers various opportunities for girls to be enriched by the program.
3. Award is given when no other award is appropriate in order to thank the volunteer for their commitment to the Girl Scout community.
4. The candidate is not receiving any other regional award this year.
5. The second level of this award can be earned multiple times for continued service. The form of level 2 award varies and is subject to change each year.



Nomination:

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

Hats Off Award

Recognizes a volunteer who is both a leader and a community volunteer. She/he provides girl programs to girls in the community or region.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate has been a troop leader for at least 5 years.
3. The candidate currently leads more than one troop or currently leads a multi-level troop.
4. The candidate has performed a task within the community or holds a Girl Scout position within the community or region.
5. The candidate has run an event for girls in the community or region in the current year.
6. May be earned in more than one year.



Nomination:

An individual or group submits an online Regional Nomination form with an endorsement name and a description of services performed and an explanation of how this fulfills award criteria. Nominations will be checked with council to ensure all criteria have been met.



Regional Award

Recognizes one individual member of each regional committee for outstanding support and service to the Regional Committee Chairperson. This award is given by the chairperson of each of the committees: GSLE and Volunteer Support.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate has given outstanding support and service to a regional committee chairperson.
3. The award can be earned in more than one year.

Nomination:

Selection is by the Regional Committee Chairpersons.

Legacy Award

Recognizes longtime volunteers who continue to serve the community in some way.



Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member
2. The candidate has performed a significant task within a community for at least ten years.
3. The candidate continues to volunteer in some capacity within the community. It does not have to be at the same high level as the previous significant level.
4. The award can only be earned once.

Nomination:

A Regional Nomination form and one endorsement signature are submitted to the region's recognitions committee.

Super 13 Graduating Leader

Recognizes a leader who stayed with girl members of a troop continuously from kindergarten to twelfth grade.



Criteria:

1. The candidate has been a registered troop leader for a minimum of 13 years.
2. The candidate was a troop leader continuously for girls from kindergarten through twelfth grade.
3. The award can only be earned once per troop but by multiple leaders of the same troop who meet criteria.

Nomination:

A Regional Nomination form is submitted to the region's recognitions committee. This pin can be requested by the recipient or another person.



Outstanding Volunteer

Recognizes an adult in a position other than leader or in addition to being a leader whose service benefits a community or region 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 position 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:

A Regional Nomination form and one endorsement name are submitted to the region's recognitions committee.

Outstanding Leader

Recognizes a troop/group leader or group coordinator whose performance in working with girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition by the region.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered adult member.
2. The candidate has completed appropriate training or has demonstrated competence in girl-adult partnership, communication, membership development, pluralism, and program delivery.
3. The candidate's work with girls has exceeded expectations for the position as outlined in the position description.
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 familiar with the candidate's performance submits a Regional Nomination form plus one letter detailing the candidate's accomplishments to the region's recognitions committee.

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:

A Regional Nomination form and one endorsement name are submitted to the region's recognitions committee.

