
















Regional Awards – Quick Reference Sheet

Nominations are due by March 1 at gsfun.org/RegionalAwards. Recognitions are for the period of twelve months prior to the deadline.

Award or Recognition	Description of award or recognition	Nomination Process	# per Region per year	Awarded # of times?
Membership Numeral Guard 	Membership Numeral Guard is given in five-year increments for all the years an adult member is registered including as a girl. The 5, 10, and 15 years are presented at the regional awards event and 20 or more years at the council awards event. This pin can be requested by the recipient or another person. For those with no activity at the regional level, this pin will be given at the Council awards event.	Online Regional Nomination form. <i>May be self-nominated</i>	No limit	As earned
Volunteer Years of Service Pin 	Volunteer Years of Service recognizes years of active adult service to the Girl Scout organization. Given for 5 and 10 years of service at a regional awards event and 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, and 60 years of service at council awards event. This pin can be requested by the recipient or another person. For those with no activity at the regional level, this pin will be given at the Council awards event.	Online Regional Nomination form. <i>May be self-nominated</i>	No limit	As earned
Regional Good Neighbor 	Recognizes community members who are not registered in Girl Scouts, such as a group, business or individual, whose service has contributed directly to a community or region. May be recognized every 5 years with a plaque which is presented at the Council awards event.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	No limit
Certificate of Appreciation 	Recognizes outstanding completion of a designated task that supports Girl Scouting in a community and/or region by an adult member.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	No limit
In the Shadows Awards 	Recognizes an individual who works in the background, to make it possible for another person to volunteer for GSJS. This individual is “always” there, supporting Girl Scouts on a regular basis. Candidate has shown continuous support for Girl Scouts and understands the value and practices of Girl Scouts	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once
Star Rookie 	Recognizes the first-year troop/group leader who has made the most significant contribution to the community. Candidate is a registered adult member, fulfills troop leader responsibilities per position description, completed all required training.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	10-15 per region	Once per person
Rising Star 	Recognizes an outstanding new volunteer during her/his first three years, for services beyond the expectations of the position, contributing outstanding service while engaging girls in Girl Scouting. Candidate is registered and background checked by GSJS. Completed appropriate training for the role. Can be leader or troop volunteer. Can be given once in the first 36 months as a volunteer. Cannot receive Star Rookie and Rising Star in same year.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once per person
Step Up 	Recognizes a volunteer who contributes to the region’s girl programming by running a girl event in the region or community for the first time. Candidate is a registered adult member.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once per person
Outdoor Pathfinder 	Recognizes a volunteer who facilitates a full day or overnight outdoor experience at the community or regional level. Candidate is a registered and background checked member of GSJS. Must have taken basic outdoor skills training. Can be given once.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once per person
Spirit Award 	Recognizes and honors volunteers who have motivated or inspired others through their positive attitude, exemplifying the true nature of Girl Scouting. The nominee creates awareness of the Girl Scout movement and has created fun, innovative programming for today’s Girl Scouts, or has helped a sister Girl Scout learn the way. Candidate must be registered, background checked and completed required trainings	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once every three years
Growing In Girl Scouts 	Recognizes a volunteer who grows membership by running an event for the region or community for the first time, which results in new members. Candidate participates in region’s recruitments efforts, including inviting girls to a troop meeting, resulting in new members.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once per person
Soaring High 	Recognizes significant contributions of an adult member to the advancement of the Girl Scout program within the community for outstanding completion of a designated task. Candidate is a registered adult member, completed all required training, has multiple commitments to the community for the current membership year.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>Two</u> endorsement names.	1 per 10 troops	Once per person
Open Arms 	Open Arms I - Grades K-5: Recognizes a leader who welcomes more girls into her troop, having the recommended GSUSA standard troop size of 12 and adding at least one girl.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Each award can be received once.
Open Arms II 	Open Arms II - Grades 6-12: Recognizes a leader who welcomes at least one new girl into the troop. Candidate is a registered, background checked, and has completed required training.	<i>Must be self-nominated</i>	No limit	
Juliette Low Award 	Recognizes a volunteer who has made significant contributions to the community. Candidate is a registered leader for at least three years, has attended a majority of community meetings, candidate’s troop has participated in at least one community, regional or council event, and has served in an additional volunteer capacity (other than leader).	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>Two</u> endorsement names.	No limit	Once per person

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Helping Hands 	Recognizes various commitments to the community where no other awards criteria fits. Candidate is a registered adult member, provided service to the community or region that enhances program delivery, not receiving any other Regional Award at this time. Level 2 may be awarded when nominee continues service and has received the award before.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once first level, multiple at second level
Hats Off 	Recognizes a volunteer who is both a leader of multiple troops or multi-level troop and a volunteer in the community or region and provides girl programs to girls in the community or region. Candidate is a registered adult member, troop leader for at least five years, has run an event in the current year.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	As earned
Regional Award 	Recognizes one individual member of each Regional Committee for outstanding support and service to the Regional Committee Chairperson. Given by the chairperson of each committee: GSLE and Volunteer Support. Candidate is a registered adult member.	Selection by Regional Committee Chairpersons.	2 per region	As earned
Graduating Leader 	Recognizes a troop leader of two or more girls in twelfth grade from any level. This pin can be requested by the recipient or another person.	Online Regional Nomination form. <i>May be self-nominated</i>	No limit	As earned
Super 13 Graduating Leader 	Recognizes a leader who stayed with girl members of a troop continuously from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Candidate is registered Troop leader for minimum of 13 years. This pin can be requested by the recipient or another person.	Online Regional Nomination form. <i>May be self-nominated</i>	No limit	As earned
Legacy Award 	Recognizes a longtime volunteer that has performed a significant task within the community for at least ten years and continues to volunteer in some capacity within the community. It does not have to be at same high level as previous significant level. Candidate is a registered adult member.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	No limit	Once per person
Outstanding Volunteer 	Recognizes a registered adult member 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. Candidate has complete appropriate training for position.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	1 per 25 troops	Once per person
Outstanding Leader 	Recognizes a troop/group leader/coordinator whose performance in working with the girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition by the region. Candidate is registered adult leader, completed training, and demonstrated competence in girl-adult partnership, communication, membership development, pluralism and program delivery, work with girls has exceeded expectations for the position in position description.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	1 per 25 troops	Once per person
Volunteer of Excellence 	Recognizes a volunteer who has contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls and/or adults using the national program portfolio. Candidate is registered adult member, has partnered directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience—or- has contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girls and adult members.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>One</u> endorsement name.	1 per 25 troops	Once per person
Sustained Service 	Recognizes a volunteer who continues to provide outstanding service to the girls, community, or region. Candidate is registered and background checked member of GSJS. Must have completed training appropriate for their role. Has already received Volunteer of Excellence.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>Two</u> endorsement names.	No limit	Once every 5 years
Forever Green Award 	Recognizes an adult volunteer (who has been a Girl Scout member for 35years – may count girl years) who demonstrates commitment, exceptional service, and extraordinary dedication to the community &/or region. Their leadership, initiative and energy have made a significant contribution to Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Candidate must be registered, background checked and has completed required trainings.	Online Regional Nomination form with <u>Two</u> endorsement names.	No limit	Once