



VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION APPLICATION

The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission-delivery to girl and adult members. A nomination application and one endorsement questionnaire is required. Nomination deadlines: Due **March 15** for April events; due **April 15** for May events; due **May 15** for June events.

Award Requirements:

- The candidate is an active, registered Girl Scout.
- The candidate abides by GSUSA and Girl Scouts River Valleys' policies, standards, and procedures.
- The candidate has completed at least one full year of service in the nominated position or chaired a committee or team that completed the planning and implementation of at least one significant local event.
- The candidate has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the national portfolio, or
- The candidate'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 areas: membership development/community cultivation, volunteer relations and support, program, leadership and governance, fund development or council support services.
- The candidate actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

Nomination Instructions:

- Coordinate the completion of the required application and endorsement questionnaire. These can be submitted by the same person or by different people as long as the nominator/endorser is familiar with the candidate's volunteer service. Note that if the candidate is approved for an award, he/she will receive a copy of the endorsement questionnaire.
- The due date is dependent on the date of the recognition event (see above). Instructions are on this form.
- Additional photos or video of the work this volunteer is being nominated for are optional but welcomed and encouraged.
- Incomplete endorsement and/or application may result in disqualification of the nomination.
- Please do not use staples if submitting hard copies.
- Adult Award frequently asked questions (FAQ) and Adult Award descriptions are available at GirlScoutsRV.org.

This award will be distributed at a local event established by the service unit or at another venue as determined by the nominator/award recipient.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Service Unit: _____

Describe volunteer role relevant to nomination: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION (designated contact person if candidate is awarded):

Name: _____ Service Unit: _____

Complete Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____ Position: _____

Date award is needed by: _____

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE PIN ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate:_____

Endorsement Questionnaire Writer (can be different from the nominator):

☐ Same as the nominator

Name:_____ Service Unit:_____

Complete Address:_____

Day Phone:_____ Alternate Phone:_____

Email:_____ Position:_____

Please describe in detail how the candidate's ongoing commitment, leadership, and service impacted the mission-delivery goals and priorities for the council and the Girl Scout Movement. Provide as much detail as possible to help the committee understand the exemplary nature of the candidate's service.

1. Is the candidate a registered Girl Scout member now and throughout the time period when the service was given?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. How did you become aware of the candidate's accomplishments?

3. Please describe the activity/activities this candidate implemented to support the delivery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in one geographic area.

4. In what community/service unit area was this service delivered?_____

5. Over what period of time was the service performed?_____

6. Who was affected? For adults, include how many in what roles. For girls, include how many, what grade level(s), and in which pathway(s).

7. How were they affected? What outcome did the girls/adults experience, or what did they say they remembered/learned about the experience or activity?

8. What position did the candidate hold and how did the candidate's service go above and beyond the expectations for the position? What were the goals or expectations? Use specific measurable examples to support their nomination. When providing numbers, please give ratios.

9. How did the candidate demonstrate inclusive behavior?

Additional remarks:

SUBMITTING COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

By Email:

- Submit one candidate nomination per email.
- Attach nomination application and endorsement questionnaire to email.
- Include candidate name and award in the subject line of email.
- Send nomination to awards@girlscoutsrv.org.

By Fax: Adult Awards at 651-227-7533

By Mail:

Girl Scouts River Valleys
Attn: Adult Awards and Recognitions
400 Robert Street South
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Questions? Contact us at 800-845-0787 or email us at awards@girlscoutsrv.org.