



Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council Adult Recognitions in Girl Scouting

Recognition	Purpose of Recognition	Requirements	Approval	Deadlines
Outstanding Leader	For Outstanding troop leadership qualities in the delivery of the Girl Scout program to girls.	Completed Outstanding Leader/ Outstanding Volunteer nomination form	Service Unit Recognitions Committee	3 Weeks Before Service Unit Recognition Event
Outstanding Volunteer	For outstanding service that benefits the service unit. The recognition is presented to an outstanding volunteer-other than a leader.	Completed Outstanding Leader/ Outstanding Volunteer nomination form.	Service Unit Recognitions Committee	3 Weeks Before Service Unit Recognition Event
Appreciation Pin	For outstanding service to Girl Scouting that is well beyond expectations for the position held. Service is delivered to at least one service unit.	Sponsor completes Appreciation Pin nomination form and seeks endorsements from two additional people.	Service Unit Recognitions Committee Council Recognitions Group Board of Directors	February 15
Honor Pin	For service to Girl Scouting that is above and beyond expectations for the position held. Service is delivered to two or more service units.	Sponsor completes Honor Pin nomination form and obtains endorsements from two additional people from two or more service units.	Service Units Recognitions Committee Council Recognitions Group Board of Directors	February 15
Thanks Badge	For service to Girl Scouting that is above and beyond expectations for the position held AND benefits the total council.	Sponsor submits a Thanks Badge nomination form and obtains letters of endorsement from three additional people who can attest to the quality of service given by the candidate.	Service Unit Recognitions Committee Council Recognitions Group Board of Directors	February 15
Thanks Badge II	The candidate has previously received the Thanks Badge. The quality of service performed is the same as that for the Thanks Badge. This recognition is appropriate when performance surpasses the earlier achievement. It is a way of saying thanks again to an individual who contributes greatly to Girl Scouts. Service benefits the total council.	Sponsor submits a Thanks Badge II nomination form and obtains letters of endorsement from three additional people who can attest to the quality of service given by the candidate.	Service Unit Recognitions Committee Council Recognitions Group Board of Directors	February 15
Black Diamond Pin	For service that has made a significant and lasting impact on program for girls in Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. The candidate has demonstrated dedication to the goals of Black Diamond Council for at least six years.	Sponsor completes Black Diamond Pin nomination form and obtains endorsements from three additional people who can attest to the quality of service given by the candidate.	Service Unit Recognitions Committee Council Recognitions Group Board of Directors	February 15

Tips for writing great nominations and endorsements

Do you know someone in your service unit who deserves special recognition? Is there someone who is always ready to jump in to get the job done? What about someone who makes a difference in the lives of girls not just once, but time and time again? Do you know someone who has helped in a significant way to ensure that council goals and objectives are attained? If so, remember that the time is quickly approaching to submit a nomination for one of the five Council-level adult recognitions and two service unit level recognitions.

The Outstanding Leader Pin is presented to a troop/group leader for outstanding troop leadership qualities in the delivery of the Girl Scout program to girls. The Outstanding Volunteer Pin is presented for outstanding service that benefits the service unit. Both recognitions are presented by the service unit.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council presents five recognitions. When reviewing nominations for Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, Thanks Badge II and Black Diamond Pin, the Adult Recognitions Committee looks for specific examples of achievement that set the nominee apart from other adults carrying similar responsibilities. The committee looks for ways the nominee went above and beyond the responsibilities of her/his position to deliver a quality Girl Scout experience to girls or adults. She/he could be a service unit administrator, service unit team member, trainer, event planner, product sale chair, council committee member or board member who goes out of her way to make Girl Scouting the best it can be.

Each nomination is considered on its own merit and is not rated against other nominations. The best nominations and endorsements include as much supporting information as possible. Always include examples of times when the nominee made significant strides toward excellence

The deadline to submit nominations for Council-level recognitions is February 15, 2004. Nominations and endorsements are happily accepted by mail or fax---don't forget the appropriate signatures! Audiotaped and video taped nominations and endorsements are also acceptable. Easy access to nomination and endorsement forms is available on the FORMS CD in the 2004 Program Packet or by checking with your field executive in your area. If you have questions, call Marla Akers, Director of Volunteer Services at 1-800-756-7616 or in Bluefield at 1-888-319-1363 or by e-mail at marla.akers@bdgsc.org