

Service Unit Recognitions

Healthy Service Units plan an annual Volunteer Recognition event, generally in the Spring with the intent of honoring and recognizing the impact and effort of local volunteers.


All awards given by the Service Unit are...

- Purchased by the Service Unit
- Selected by the Service Unit
- Presented at a Service Unit Event


AWARDS

The following are the awards granted by the Service Unit team for local volunteers. In addition to the four GSUSA/GSEP formal awards below, Service Units can choose to create and present additional awards designed by the Service Unit.


VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

	<p>The GSUSA Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes a volunteer who has contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.</p>
<p>Criteria:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The candidate is an active, registered Girl Scout member. - II. The candidate has contributed outstanding service in support of 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, and Council Support Service to girl and adult members. - III. The service performed is above and beyond the expectations for the position held. - IV. The candidate actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behaviors.
<p>Endorsements</p>	<p>2 Endorsement Required</p>


FRIEND OF GIRL SCOUTING SERVICE UNIT AWARD

 <p>The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania bestows the Friend Certificate and recognitions for helping us to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.</p>	<p>The Friend of Girl Scouting Service Unit Award recognizes groups, community members, or individuals who have supported Girl Scouting in the community by offering meeting space, troop sponsorship, storage facilities, or another token of support.</p>
<p>Criteria:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recipient does not need to be a registered Girl Scout. - II. The service performed by the candidate is above and beyond the expectations for the - business or organization
<p>Endorsements</p>	<p>2 Endorsement Required</p>

NUMERAL GUARD (5-30 Years)

	<p>The Numeral Guard is a longevity recognition for an individual for their total years of registered membership, including years as a girl and as an adult member.</p>
<p>Criteria:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Years do not need to be consecutive - Pins are available in five-year increments - Form required for adults only. To purchase pins for girls, contact any GSEP Retail Shop. - Individuals track their total years and work with their service unit to receive their pin(s)
<p>Submission Form</p>	<p>LINK</p>

YEARS OF SERVICE PIN (5-20 Years)

	<p>The Years of Service Pin is a longevity recognition for an adult volunteer's dedication to Girl Scouting</p>
<p>Criteria:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Years do not need to be consecutive - Pins are available in five-year increments - Individuals track their total years and work with their service unit to receive their pin(s)
<p>Submission Form</p>	<p>LINK</p>

Process

Each Service Unit typically appoints a Recognitions Coordinator or appointee who will manage the volunteer recognition for their area. Service Units determine their own timeline for nomination deadlines and awards presentation. They will manage the approval and next steps for each recognition.

Suggested documentation for formal awards

- [Service Unit Awards Nomination Form](#)
- [Service Unit Awards Endorsement Forms](#) (2 per nomination)

Purchasing the Formal Awards

The Service Unit can purchase the awards at any time at any GSEP Retail Shop. The cost of pins is the responsibility of the Service Unit and subject to change.

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| - Volunteer of Excellence Pin | \$20.00 |
| - Friend of Girl Scouting Service Unit | FREE |
| - Membership Numeral Guard | \$4.00-4.25 |
| - Years of Service Pin | \$6.50-7.00 |