

The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

## AN INFORMATION SHEET

1. A nomination form is completed and submitted, along with supporting documentation needed to indicate how the nominee meets the criteria. An original signature must be signed on the nomination form.
2. Based on the nominee's position (council, regional, or local level), the service –delivery team or the recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- » The candidate is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- » The candidate has successfully completed a term of service and all requirements for the position.
- » The candidate has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls using the national program portfolio, or
- » The candidate's performance has been beyond the expectations of the position and has supported council's mission-delivery goals in one or more of the following functional areas: Membership Development/Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service (such as IT, Customer Service, Merchandising, MarComm).
- » The candidate actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

### Example One

A volunteer program advisor works over the course of the year with a teen advisory committee. Thirty current Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors planned and delivered four performance day camps, using content from the aMuse Journey, targeted to girls in underserved areas in the council. As a result, those areas had a combined total of 210 new Junior girl members and 16 new adult volunteers; 92% of the girls at camp also signed up for other opportunities during the year.

### Example Two

A college-student volunteer who was helping IT with data entry saw a Facebook posting encouraging recognition of volunteers on Leaders' Day. Using the council's website, she launched a recognition page on the website that leverages tools like e-cards, highlights or real volunteer success stories, and provides valuable information on ways to thank all volunteers throughout the year. As a result, 4,700 personal thank-yous were sent to volunteers last year by council leadership and staff, volunteers, parents, and girls. Nominations for council and GSUSA earned awards rose by 35% and volunteers reported felling highly valued on satisfaction surveys, 22% more than the previous year.

## NOMINATION FORM

For Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

### Name of Individual or Group Nominating the Candidate:

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information – Please give full names and titles, if any.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Service Area \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Description of specific, measureable results (pertinent facts, dates) of candidate's volunteer efforts. How did this work benefit the local service area, region, or council?

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### To Be Completed by Recognitions Chair/Council Recognitions Committee

Confirmation of membership and standing positions \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation of training completed \_\_\_\_\_