

## **Honor Pin – GSUSA Level Requires Approval of the Council Review Committee and Board**



The Honor Pin recognizes a registered adult Girl Scout's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) which has had measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission delivery goals

**Criteria:** The candidate:

- is a current registered member of GSUSA
- meets the general criteria for awards
- has provided outstanding service to two or more geographic areas in a way that furthers the council's goals (membership, program and outcomes, brand, funding and volunteer development)
- provides service that goes beyond the expectations of the position

**Nominated by and Endorsed by:** An individual familiar with the service performed and willing to coordinate the submission of the nomination and any follow-up questions submits a nomination form including a list of individuals (or groups of individuals) that have agreed to write Letters of Endorsement. Candidates for the Honor Pin need **three** letters of endorsement. The person submitting the nomination may be one of the individuals endorsing the candidate. All letters of endorsement need to be individually written and provide specific accounts of the service provided by the candidate.

**Approval:** The recognitions committee reviews the nomination and the letters of endorsement and recommends approval or denial to the Council Board of Directors. The Council Board of Directors approves or denies the award and notifies the recognition committee and nominating individual.

**Form of Recognition:** The Honor Pin is awarded at a Council level Awards event.

**Potential candidates for the Honor Pin:**

- A person who organizes and provides leadership to a successful annual giving campaign that surpasses council financial goals.
- The director of a successful day camp that includes two or more areas
- A program consultant who implements a series of events and activities that brings girls together from different parts of the council.
- A volunteer or staff member who directs a membership outreach task group that results in a significant increase in girl or adult membership in underrepresented populations in several areas of the council.
- A training manager or trainer whose events for an area of the council receive consistently high ratings resulting in increased participation by adults from several geographic areas.

**Deadline for Completed Submission:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February**

**Honor Pin Nomination Form**

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Contact Information:

	Candidate: Person Being Nominated	Sponsor: Person Submitting the Nomination
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:		
e-mail:		
Previous awards and dates:		

Confirmation of eligibility:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Registered adult Girl Scout in good standing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submission of this nomination form along with three letters of endorsement where these must come from more than one service area or region of the council; and the endorsers are not related to the nominee.

The three letters of endorsement must be independently written and address the following:

- Context (how the endorser knows the person being nominated)
- Explain how the service has supported (directly or indirectly) one or more of the focus areas for the GSLE Leadership Experience (the goal of which is to support girls in reaching the following outcomes: develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, seek challenges and learn from setbacks, form and maintain healthy relationships, and identify and solve problems in the community)
- Specific information/support for how the service has resulted in exceptional, measurable benefits beyond the expectations for the position held
- Description of how the service has made an impact on two or more geographic areas of the council.

	Name and address of individuals providing letters of endorsement—The person submitting the nomination may serve as one of the endorsers.
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[Preferred submission method]: Collect all letters of endorsement and send a complete nomination packet as attachment(s) to an email sent to [adultrecognitions@gshq.org](mailto:adultrecognitions@gshq.org).

[Alternative method]: Have each person completing a document submit her part as separate attachments to an email submitted to [adultrecognitions@gshq.org](mailto:adultrecognitions@gshq.org) and include the following in the body of the email: award name, name of the individual being nominated, name of the sponsor, and name of the individual(s) associated with the attachment(s)

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**Award: Honor Pin    Application #: \_\_\_\_\_    Endorsement #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Honor Pin Endorsement Cover Page**

Name of the person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the person providing this endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Sponsor (person coordinating the nomination): \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT USE THE NAME OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED IN THE LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT.** [Instead use statements such as: “As a member of \_\_\_\_\_ committee”, “She used professional experience as a \_\_\_\_\_” ...]

Attach this cover page to your letter of endorsement or include it as the first page of an electronic file where your letter starts on page 2]. The review process uses “blind” reviews, so this page will be removed from the material going to the Review Committee. The committee will expect each person providing an endorsement to provide her own perspective about the candidate—rather than a form letter used by multiple endorsers.

**DO** include specific information related to the following:

- Context (how the endorser knows the person being nominated)
- Explain how the service has supported one or more of the focus areas of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (the goal of which is to support girls in reaching the following outcomes: develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, seek challenges and learn from setbacks, form and maintain healthy relationships, and identify and solve problems in the community)
- Specific information/support for how the service has resulted in exceptional, measurable benefits beyond the expectations for the position held
- Description of how the service has made an impact on two or more geographic areas of the council.

Type or neatly write your endorsement on a separate page (Remember NOT to use the person’s name since these go through a blind review process; do NOT sign your name.)

Once complete, submit your letter of endorsement following the instructions provided by the person coordinating the nomination (the sponsor). Note: This person may give you an earlier deadline than the council deadline to allow her time to assemble all material and submit a single completed nomination packet in one email.

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