

**Mickey Hess Award – GSHG Level Award
Requires Approval of the Council Review Committee**

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The Mickey Hess Award recognizes someone who has been instrumental in or organized a group that has substantially increased Girl Scouting in an underserved area for three years. Examples include a neighborhood housing authority, a detention center, an after school program, a recreation center, or a troop or group that represents and serves underserved populations.

Criteria: The candidate

- is a registered member of GSUSA (and has been for each of the three years of service for which she is being recognized)
- meets the general criteria for awards
- has sustained the service for which she is being recognized for at least three years
- has substantially increased Girl Scouting in an underserved area

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 Mickey Hess need **two** Letters of Endorsement. The person submitting the nomination may be one of the individuals endorsing the candidate. The 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, approves or denies the award, and notifies the nominating individual or group.

Form of Recognition: The Mickey Hess Plaque with Certificate is awarded at a GSHG-level Awards event.

Mickey Hess Award 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 two letters of endorsement where the endorsers are not related to the nominee.
- _____ Membership Data submitted by the supporting Retention Manager that includes the number of Girl Scouts registered and the number of individuals served by the program for each of the three years of service for which the candidate is being nominated

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

- Context (how the endorser knows the person being nominated)
- Specific information/support for how the candidate has sustained the service for which she is being recognized for at least three years
- Identifies the specific service the population has received over the last three years
- Identifies the underserved population the candidate's service has impacted (e.g., neighborhood housing authority, detention center, after school program, recreation center, or a troop or group that represents and serves underserved populations)

	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.

[Alternative method]: Have each person completing a document submit her part as separate attachments to an email submitted to 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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Mickey Hess 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)
- Specific information/support for how the candidate has sustained the service for which she is being recognized for at least three years
- Identifies the specific service the population has received over the last three years
- Identifies the underserved population the candidate’s service has impacted (e.g., neighborhood housing authority, detention center, after school program, recreation center, or a troop or group that represents and serves underserved populations)

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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