

**Outdoor Enthusiast Award – GSHG Level Award  
Requires Approval of the Council Review Committee**



The Outdoor Enthusiast Award recognizes someone who has provided outstanding service in a way that furthers outdoor education of girls and adults and has performed at a level that exceeds the expectations.

**Criteria:** The candidate

- is a registered member of GSUSA
- meets the general criteria for awards
- is certified in an applicable area of outdoor experiences (e.g., OS101, canoeing, archery, challenge courses or has verifiable experience in activities such as star gazing, bird or plant identification, leave no trace, coastal ecology)
- has provided outstanding service in a way that furthers outdoor education of girls and adults
- has performed at a level that exceeds expectations

**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 Outdoor Enthusiast 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 Outdoor Enthusiast Pin is awarded at a GSHG-level Awards event.

### Outdoor Enthusiast 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.

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

- Context (how the endorser knows the person being nominated)
- Identifies the applicable outdoor area(s) for the which the candidate is being recognized
- Specific information/support for how the candidate has provided outstanding service in a way that furthers outdoor education of girls and adults at a level that exceeds expectations

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

**Outdoor Enthusiast 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)
- Identifies the applicable outdoor area(s) for the which the candidate is being recognized (e.g., OS101, canoeing, archery, challenge courses, star gazing, bird or plant identification, leave no trace, coastal ecology)

\* Specific information/support for how the candidate has provided outstanding service in a way that furthers outdoor education of girls and adults at a level that exceeds expectations

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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