

## **President's Award Requires Approval of the Council Review Committee**



The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service-delivery team or committee whose exemplary service in support of the Girl Scout mission surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals. [Includes Service Area teams as well as other volunteer teams or committees]

**Criteria:** All team members:

- are current registered member of GSUSA
- meet the general criteria for awards
- The team:
- has provided exemplary service in direct or indirect support of the Girl Scout mission
- has exceeded expectations in terms of meeting one or more of the GSHG's mission delivery goals (membership, program and outcomes, brand, funding, and volunteer development)
- actively recognizes, understands, and practices values of inclusive behavior

**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 (teams/groups) for the President's Award need three letters of endorsement where one is from the staff support person. The person submitting the nomination may be one of the individuals endorsing the team or group. All letters of endorsement need to be individually written and provide specific accounts of the service provided by the team or group.

**Approval:** The recognitions committee reviews the nomination and the letters of endorsement, approves or denies the award, and notifies the nominating individual.

**Form of Recognition:** The President's Award certificate is presented at a Council Level Awards event; as an additional recognition the team is listed on a nameplate on a perpetual plaque at a council office.

**Potential candidates for the President's Award:**

- A new Service Area was formed by the merger of two neighboring Service Units. The Service Teams from the two Service Units worked together to develop a single effective Service Area Team. At the end of the first year of the combined Service Area, membership had almost doubled (an increase by more than 250 girls); all Service Team positions were filled with trained volunteers; retention had increased at each age level; the Service Area doubled the number of adult training events; five new troops were established; all troops participated in product sales; and two Service Area events were held.

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

**President’s Award Nomination Form**

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Contact Information:

	Candidates: Team Being Nominated	Sponsor:
Name:	Attach page identifying the Team/Committee along with a list of the members with the required information for each member.	
Address:		
Phone:		
e-mail:		

Confirmation of eligibility:

- \_\_\_\_\_ All members of the team are registered Girl Scouts in good standing
- \_\_\_\_\_ All members have met all requirements and expectations of the positions held
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submission of this nomination form along with three letters of endorsement. One of the three letters should come from the appropriate staff support person.

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

- Context (how the endorser knows the work of the team/committee being nominated)
- Describe the purpose of the team/committee (e.g., Service Area Team, Camp Committee, Council-wide committee to address\_\_\_)
- How the team has provided exemplary service in direct or indirect support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Specific examples of how the team has exceeded expectations in terms of meeting one or more of the council’s mission delivery goals (membership, program and outcomes, brand, funding, and volunteer development)
- Ways the team actively recognizes, understands, and practices values of inclusive behavior

	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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3	Staff Member:

[Preferred submission method]: Collect all letters of endorsement and send a complete nomination packet as attachment(s) to an email sent to [adultrecognitions@gshg.org](mailto:adultrecognitions@gshg.org).

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

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**Award: President’s Award    Application #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**President's Award Endorsement Cover Page**

Team/Committee being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader or Committee Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**DO NOT USE THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE ON THE TEAM BEING NOMINATED IN THE LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT. FOR SERVICE AREA TEAMS DO NOT IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC SERVICE AREA.** [Instead use statements should as: "This Service Area Team \_\_\_\_", or "Members of the team\_\_\_\_" ...]

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 work of the team/committee being nominated)
- Describe the purpose of the team/committee (e.g., Service Area Team, Camp Committee, Council-wide committee to address\_\_\_\_)
- How the team has provided exemplary service in direct or indirect support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience
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- Ways that the team actively recognizes, understands, and practices the values of inclusive behavior

Type or neatly write your endorsement on a separate page. Remember NOT to use the people's or group's name since these go through a blind review process; do not sign your name. [All materials will need to be converted to electronic form for submission via email.]

Once complete, 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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