

Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II – GSUSA Level Requires Approval of the Council and Board Committees

The Thanks Badge honors individual, active, registered adult Girl Scouts whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service have had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement.



The Thanks Badge II recognizes previous recipients of the Thanks Badge who have provided additional exceptional service that has impacted the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement.



Criteria: The candidate

- Is a registered adult Girl Scout in good standing
- Provides ongoing commitment, leadership, and service to the organization
- Provides service that has resulted in exceptional, measurable benefits for the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement that is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate

In addition, for the Thanks Badge II: Since the Thanks Badge, the candidate has provided distinguished service by:

- Continuing to perform at the same high level for an extended period of time, or
- Increasing her sphere of influence, or
- Using her skills and talents to move into another field of endeavor.

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 Thanks Badge need **four** letters of endorsement; candidates for the Thanks Badge II need **five** letters. 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 recognitions committee and nominating individual.

Form of Recognition: The Thanks Badge or Thanks Badge II is awarded at a Council level Awards event.

Potential candidates:

- Thanks Badge: A volunteer who spearheaded a major council-wide event has helped it become an annual event, anticipated not only by Girl Scouts but by the community at large. It generated positive media coverage each year as well as support from many local businesses. Donations included event materials as well as other contributions.
- Thanks Badge II: An individual received the Thanks Badge for consistently supporting the council in ways above and beyond her volunteer positions. Then the individual took on a new role to develop STEM programs for girls across the council and successfully involved chapters of STEM related professional organizations around the council to mentor troops.

**Deadline for Completed Submission:
2nd Monday in February**

Thanks Badge or Thanks Badge II Nomination Form

This nomination is for the (check one): _____ Thanks Badge _____ Thanks Badge II

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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 four (Thanks badge) or five (Thanks badge II) letters of endorsement where these must come from more than one area of the council; and the endorsers are not related to the nominee.
- _____ For Thanks Badge II: The nominee has already received the Thanks Badge. The activity supporting the nomination has occurred since the awarding of the Thanks Badge.

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

- Context (how the endorser knows the person being nominated)
- Ongoing commitment, leadership and service to the organization
- Specific information/support for how the service has resulted in exceptional, measurable benefits for the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement
- Description of how the service is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate
- For the Thanks Badge II: addresses specific service since receiving the Thanks Badge

	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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5	TB II only:

[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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Thanks Badge or Thanks Badge II Endorsement Cover Page

Award: _____ Thanks Badge _____ Thanks Badge II

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)
- Ongoing commitment, leadership and service to the organization
- Specific information/support for how the service has resulted in exceptional, measurable benefits for the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement
- Description of how the service is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate
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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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Award: Thanks Badge 1/2 Application #: _____ Endorsement #: _____