

## **Thanks Badge**

### **Requires Approval of the Council Recognitions Committee and Board**



The Thanks Badge honors an individual, active, registered adult Girl Scout 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 that is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

To be eligible for consideration for this award, the nominee must be a registered adult Girl Scout in Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Council, have completed a background check, not owe money to the council, delivered service that resulted in exceptional benefits for the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement, and have a nomination packet received at [adultrecognitions@gshg.org](mailto:adultrecognitions@gshg.org) by 11:59 pm on February 22.

#### **Glossary of terms for the Thanks Badge:**

**Mission-delivery goals-** goals that relate to Membership Development/Community Cultivation, Volunteer Development (Training), Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service (such as IT, Customer Service, Merchandising, Marketing and Communication).

**Measurable impact-** Evidence that the service was successful. Examples: specific feedback from those involved; retention of bridging girls increased from \_\_% to \_\_%; outside recognition (e.g., news outlets).

#### **Thanks Badge—Nomination Packet**

Each Nomination consists of two parts.

A one-page Nomination Form and four Endorsements

#### **Nomination Form:**

This sheet is the only place where names of individuals appear. The sheet collects:

- the role of each individual (nominee, sponsor, and four endorsers)
- contact information for all individuals involved (address, phone number, and email)
- the Service Unit (or other area served), current position, and previous awards with dates
  - 1) None of the individuals involved in the nomination may be related to the nominee
  - 2) The sponsor may serve as one of the endorsers
  - 3) Sponsors and endorsers may collaborate with each other, but each letter must be written individually.

#### **Endorsements:**

This part includes one submission form for each of the **four endorsers**. All service described must have been completed prior to October 1 of the current school year and should not have been used to support a prior award. This endorsement page provides specific items to show support for the nominee without providing names of the individuals. A blind review process is used to evaluate nominations. The endorsement form is set up so that you can type the responses onto the page, save the page, and submit the electronic document to the sponsor early enough for the sponsor to compile the documents and submit them as attachments them to a single email by the announced deadline.