

Volunteer of Excellence
(Service to Girls OR Service to Adults)
Requires Approval of the Council Recognitions Committee and Board



The Volunteer of Excellence recognizes a volunteer who has contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience or who have contributed out-standing support of the council's mission-delivery to girl and adult members. There are two versions of this award—one focusing on service directly to girls and the other focusing on service to adults. A volunteer may be selected for the award twice (once for service to girls and once for service to adults).

To be eligible for consideration for this award, the nominee must be a registered adult volunteer Girl Scout in Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Council, have completed a background check, not owe money to the council, provides service that goes beyond the expectation of the position and have a nomination packet received at adultrecognitions@gshg.org by 11:59 pm on February 22.

Glossary of terms for Volunteer of Excellence Award:

Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)- The program framework in which girls Discover themselves, Connect with others, and Take Action to make the world a better place; and through this process, they develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, seek challenges and learn from setbacks, form and maintain healthy relationships, and learn to identify and solve problems in their community.

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).

Partnering directly with girls - communicating and interacting with girls to involve them in Girl Scouting.

Supporting service to girls and adults - assisting adults (either in preparation for them to work with girls [e.g., training] or in support of their work directly with girls [e.g., Service Team Members])

Volunteer of Excellence—Nomination Packet

Each Nomination consists of two parts.

A one-page Nomination Form and two 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 two 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 **two 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.