

# GSUSA Adult Awards

## Thanks Badge

### Description

The Thanks Badge honors an individual 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.

### Criteria

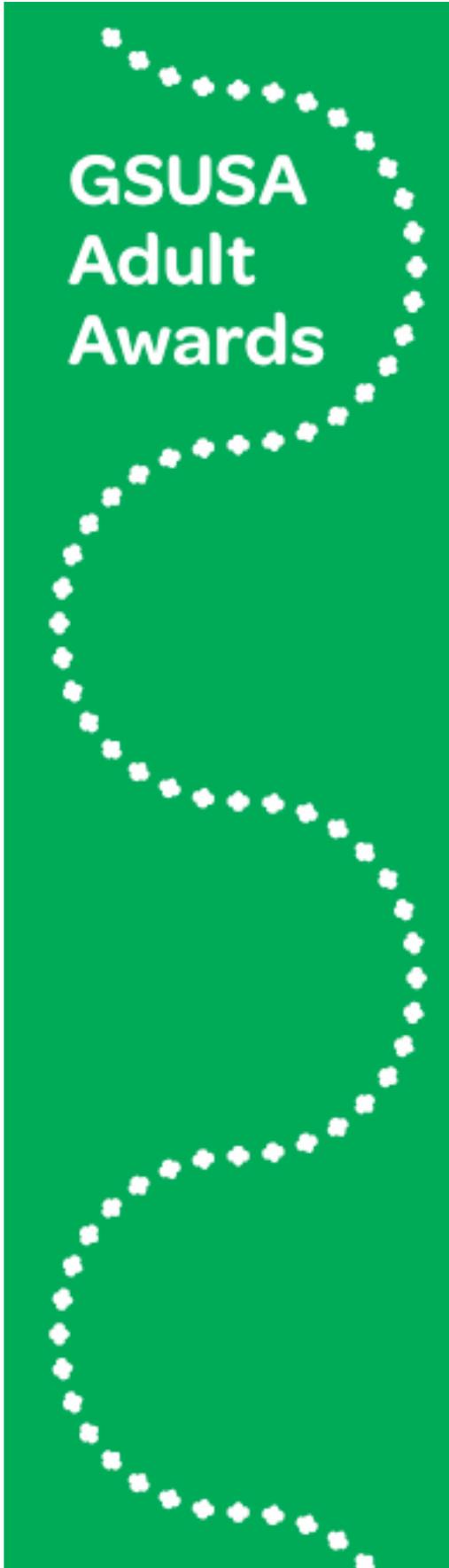
- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the council's recognition committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

### Example of nominee

A volunteer saw an opportunity to use Journeys to increase membership in one of the council's target markets through the camp pathway. She helped the council partner with local companies and groups to provide in-kind, financial, and volunteer support to build a Take-Action Tree House at each camp. She led a task group of girls to design and develop progressive programming, based on girl-led processes and Journey content, which culminated in take-action projects. The three-year project brought in 300 new Girl Scouts, a 5 percent overall increase in camp registrations the following year, 90 new volunteers, and new partnerships with 11 local organizations.



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## Thanks Badge II

### Description

The Thanks Badge II honors a previous Thanks Badge recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout Movement.

### Criteria

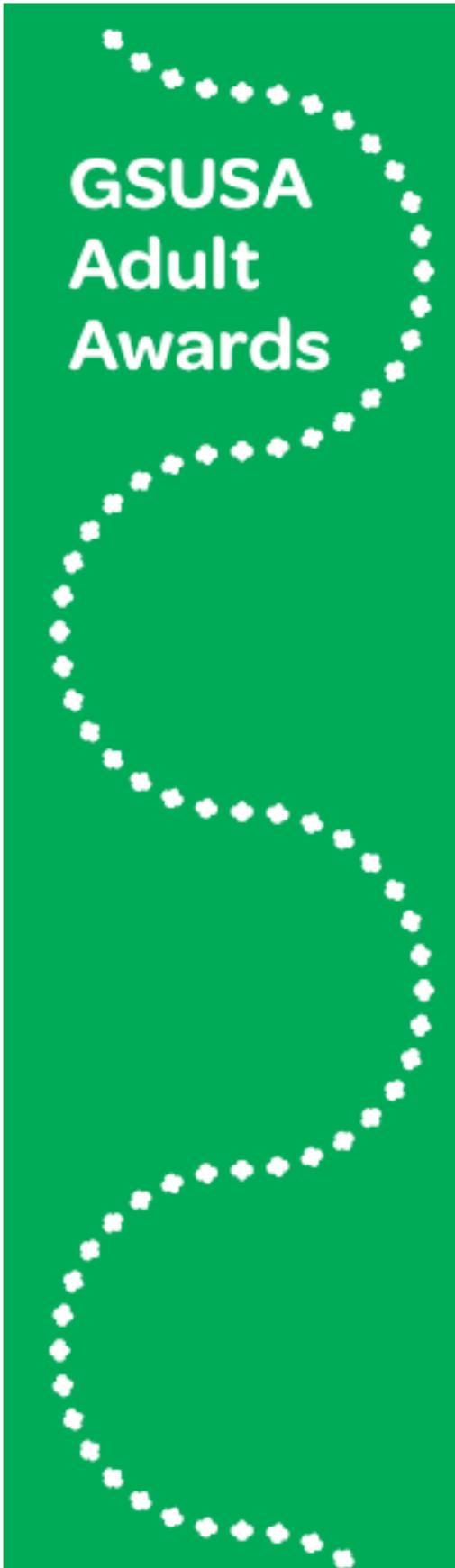
- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The nominee has received the Thanks Badge.
- The outstanding service performed by the nominee resulted in outcomes that benefitted the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization, and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

### Nomination

A nomination form is completed and submitted to the council's recognition committee, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria. The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it. The recognition committee sends notification of the decision to the council's board of directors for confirmation.

### Example of nominee

After receiving the Thanks Badge, the volunteer from the Thanks Badge example was motivated by the success of the Take-Action Tree House project and submitted to present this best practice at a GSUSA conference. She then served for two years on a national task group to help educate and support all 111 other councils as they create long-term plans that integrate all council departments to implement the camp pathway to grow membership and deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through Journey use.



# Nomination for Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II

Name of person completing nomination form:

Best way to contact you (phone, e-mail, etc.):

Name of nominee:

Nominee contact information:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Current position(s) held by nominee:

Is nominee a current member of Girl Scouts?

Yes  No  Not sure

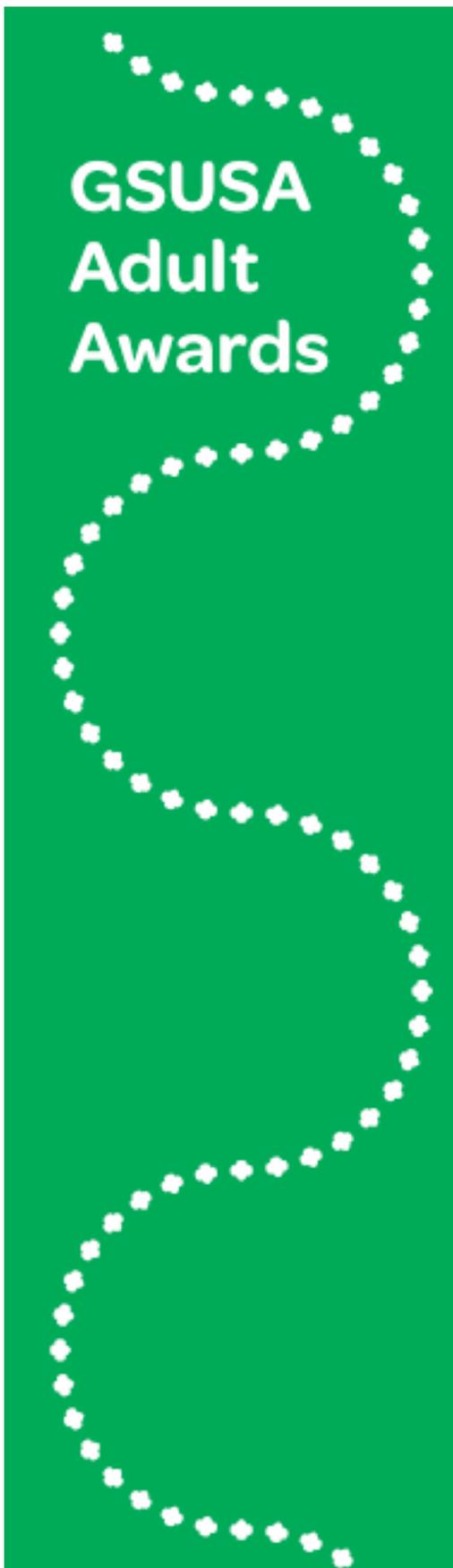
Recommended award:  Thanks Badge  Thanks Badge II\*

\*Thanks Badge II requires previous Thanks Badge.

Date received:

Please attach the following supporting documentation to indicate how the team meets the criteria for this award:

4 Letter(s) of endorsement



Please list the names and contact information for individuals submitting letters of endorsement (if applicable):

Name: Contact information:

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Please describe how the nominee has delivered outstanding service that has benefitted the council and/or the Girl Scout Movement overall. Please describe a specific impact the nominee has made through this service. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

Signature of person submitting nomination:

Date:

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Recognition Committee decision:

Approved     Denied     Pending, more information required

If pending, please describe the information required:

Signature of committee head:

Date:

Council Board approval:

Approved     Denied     Pending, more information required

If pending, please describe the information required:

Signature of Board Representative:

Date: