



girl scouts  
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white mountains

*Serving New Hampshire and Vermont*

# **Adult Recognitions and Awards**

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Every day, Girl Scout volunteers make it possible for girls to enjoy and benefit from an adventure-having, skill-building, lead-taking, life-changing good time. It's undeniable: without our volunteers' commitment to unleashing the **G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™** in every girl, Girl Scouts couldn't and wouldn't be the largest girls' leadership organization in the world. Through Girl Scouts, a girl learns invaluable life skills in everything from STEM to financial literacy and beyond.

Adult Recognitions are our way to say thank you to those who work hard to help us successfully fulfill our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. This includes volunteers and staff within Girl Scouting, as well as individuals and organizations outside of Girl Scouting, who provide outstanding service and support to our council members.

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Formal Recognitions are presented for truly significant service in Girl Scouting. These national GSUSA awards recognize outstanding accomplishments that go well beyond what would be expected for the position held.



## Volunteer of Excellence Award

The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes volunteers who have performed beyond the expectation of their position and have supported the council's mission delivery goals. It may be presented at service unit meetings or other special events throughout the year. This recognition is approved by Service Unit team members and the council Community Support Specialist.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website along with one letter of endorsement.*



## The President's Award

The President's Award is earned by Service Unit teams whose exemplary service has resulted in a significant impact toward reaching the council's overall goals. The criteria for this award is established by GSUSA. GSGWM establishes the procedures based on GSUSA's criteria and the council's overall goals, and the award is approved by the Adult Recognition Task Group. Members of the Service Unit team who earn this award will receive a certificate and the President's Award Pin. The Service Unit's name will also be engraved on a plaque and displayed in the corporate office in Bedford, New Hampshire.

*To apply: fill out and submit the President's Award Application Form (PDF) no later than November 1 or March 15.*



## Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin recognizes adults who have performed beyond the expectations of their position and have supported the council's goals in *one or more* geographic areas. Appreciation Pin nominations are approved by the Adult Recognitions Task Group and the GSGWM Board of Directors.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website along with two letters of endorsement no later than November 1 or March 15.*

# Formal Recognitions



## Honor Pin

The Honor Pin recognizes adults who have performed beyond the expectations of their position and have supported the council's goals in *two or more* geographic areas. Honor Pin nominations are approved by the Adult Recognitions Task Group and the GSGWM Board of Directors.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website along with three letters of endorsement no later than November 1 or March 15.*



## Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge recognizes adults whose service has benefitted the entire council, and is so significantly above and beyond expectations that no other award would be appropriate. Thanks Badge nominations are approved by the Adult Recognitions Task Group and the GSGWM Board of Directors.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website along with four letters of endorsement no later than November 1 or March 15.*



## Thanks Badge II

The Thanks Badge II recognizes adults who have received the Thanks Badge and have continued to provide service to the entire council or to the entire Girl Scout organization. Thanks Badge II nominations are approved by the Adult Recognitions Task Group and the GSGWM Board of Directors.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website along with four letters of endorsement no later than November 1 or March 15.*

# GSGWM Recognitions

The following awards are unique to Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains and are presented to volunteers who have made significant contributions within our council.



## New Found Treasure Award

The New Found Treasure Award recognizes an adult volunteer who is new to Girl Scouting and has provided exemplary volunteer service. This volunteer has made a significant, positive impact on a Girl Scout troop, community, or geographic area, and has gone above and beyond to provide an exceptional Girl Scout experience. Criteria to qualify for the award are as follows:

- The nominee has been a registered, approved Girl Scout volunteer for two years or fewer.
- The nominee has provided outstanding service to either girls or adults while in their Girl Scout volunteer role.

Anyone who has observed or benefited from the service of the nominee may nominate someone for the New Found Treasure Award. This includes girls, parents, and adult Girl Scout members. The awardee will receive a certificate signed by the GSGWM CEO and Board President.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website along with one letter of endorsement in support of the nomination. This letter must be written by someone other than the nominator. Nominations for this award are accepted at any time of year and there is no deadline.*



## Torchbearer's Award

The Torchbearer's Award recognizes adults who have been instrumental in providing outdoor education through Girl Scout training or programming. The Torchbearer's Award began on July 30, 1960 at Tamarack Notch Girl Scout Camp in Rutland, Vermont, and has become a cherished tradition in recognizing adult volunteers that share their passion of the outdoors with council members.

Awardees are presented with a hand-hewn wooden torch at a campfire ceremony at Farnsworth Weekend in September. The type of wood selected for the torch symbolizes the awardee's personality, talents, and dedication to outdoor education. This award is approved by the Torchbearer Committee.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Torchbearer Award Nomination form (PDF) and the Adult Recognition Nomination Form on GSGWM's website no later than the First Friday in August.*

# GSGWM Recognitions



## Volunteer of the Month

GSGWM recognizes one outstanding volunteer every month as the **Volunteer of the Month**. Pulled from a pool of nominations, the volunteer is interviewed and featured in an article posted on our website and social media for their exemplary work in Girl Scouting. Nominations can be submitted by anyone who has worked with or is familiar with that volunteer and the service they've performed.

*To nominate: fill out and submit the Volunteer of the Month nomination form on our website, or email [marketing@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:marketing@girlscoutsgwm.org) with your nomination. Nominations are accepted at any time of year and there is no deadline.*

# Informal Recognitions

**An informal recognition is another way you might say “thank you” to someone to show appreciation. These are usually given within the Service Unit, and can include:**

- Flowers presented or a special citation read at a meeting.
- A framed photograph.
- Birthday or holiday greetings made by the girls.
- Recognitions can also be created by your service unit team (i.e. “Rookie of the Year,” “Most Valuable Team Member,” etc.).

Consider these fun (and easy) ideas for recognitions:

- Note cards: “For a noteworthy achievement.”
- Batteries: “You’ve added energy to our group.”
- Roll of Lifesavers candy: “You’ve been a lifesaver.”

# Submission Instructions

Please submit nominations through the web form on our website, and/or if the award has a specific PDF nomination or application form associated with it, download and fill out the form and send, along with any required letters of endorsement, to the GSGWM Bedford or Williston offices:

Email: [customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org)

Fax: 603-627-4169

OR Mail to:

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Re: Adult Recognitions

1 Commerce Drive

Bedford, NH 03110

Award Name	Fill Out Online Nomination Form?	Number of Letters of Endorsement Required	Additional PDF Form Required?	Due Date
Volunteer of Excellence	Y	1	N	Anytime
President's Award	N	n/a	Y	November 1 or March 15
Appreciation Pin	Y	2	N	November 1 or March 15
Honor Pin	Y	3	N	November 1 or March 15
Thanks Badge	Y	4	N	November 1 or March 15
Thanks Badge II	Y	4	N	November 1 or March 15
New Found Treasure	Y	1	N	Anytime
Torchbearer's Award	Y	n/a	Y	First Friday in August
Volunteer of the Month	Y	n/a	N	Anytime