



Outstanding Leader Award Overview

The Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizes troop leaders and assistant troop leaders whose performance in working with girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition by the service unit.

Criteria:

1. The candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.
2. The candidate has completed appropriate training, or demonstrated competence in girl-adult partnership, communication, membership development, pluralism, and program delivery.
3. The candidate's work has significantly impacted the growth and development of the girls.

Nomination: An individual or group familiar with the candidate's performance submits a nomination of the candidate's accomplishments to the service unit team. Troop members or their families or both submit two letters of endorsement describing the outstanding leadership qualities of the candidate and how the girls have benefited.

Approval: The service unit team reviews and approves or denies the nomination, and notifies the nominating individual or group of results.

Examples of possible nominations:

- A leader who has kept her troop open to as many girls as wish to join.
- A leader who provides transport to and from meetings for girls whose parents would otherwise be unable to get them to meetings.
- A leader who sews uniforms for girls who otherwise would not have them.
- A leader who has gone above and beyond by making every effort to place all interested girls in her troop, which exceeds the average troop size.
- A leader who applies her expertise in working with girls with disabilities, who may not otherwise find a leader equipped to work with them.

Form of recognition: The Outstanding Leader Award is a pin depicting a leadership torch against a yellow background. It is worn on the right side of the uniform, below the personalized identification pin, or on either side of the Years of Service Pin. If an adult has received more than one special recognition, e.g., Appreciation Pin or Honor Pin, the last one received is generally the one worn on the uniform.

Form to be used: Outstanding Leader Award Nomination form RE-0027-.

Deadline: Two to four weeks prior to your service units year-end recognition event to allow the service unit team the ability to review and endorse/not endorse nomination forms.

Award presentation: At your service unit year-end recognitions event.

For further information: See *Adult Recognitions in Girl Scouting*, page 18, 30, 31 and 48, and *Adult Recognitions Overview* or call your recognitions chair, service unit manager or council membership staff at (619) 298-8391.