



Description

The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through use of the National Program Portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the Council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

Criteria

- The nominee is an active, registered adult Girl Scout.
- The nominee has successfully provided volunteer service and completed all requirements for the position from the prior membership year.
- The nominee has performed beyond expectations for the position to deliver the GSLE to girls using the National Program Portfolio,
- The nominee actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

Nomination

- Complete the nomination form on the next page and submit to the Council, along with supporting documentation indicating how the nominee meets the criteria.
- A minimum of two, but no more than five [letters of endorsement](#) are to be submitted with the nomination form. Individuals or groups familiar with the service performed may submit letters of endorsement. The person making this nomination may not submit a letter of endorsement.

The recognition committee reviews the nomination documentation, then approves or denies it.

Examples of Nominee

- A volunteer program advisor works over the course of the year with a teen advisory committee of 30 current Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who plan and deliver four performance day camps, using content from the *aMuse* Journey, targeted to girls in underserved areas of the council. As a result, those areas have a combined total of 210 new girl members and 16 new volunteers; 92 percent of the girls at camp also signed up for other opportunities during the year.
- A college student volunteer who was recruited by IT to help with data entry sees a posting on the Council's Facebook page encouraging recognition of volunteers on Leader's Day. She sees an opportunity to use the Council's website to make this type of volunteer recognition easy and relevant for everyone to use. In coordination with Council staff, she helps launch a recognition page on the website that leverages tools like e-cards and online voting campaigns, highlights real volunteer success stories, and provides valuable information on ways to thank all volunteers throughout the year. As a result, 4,700 personal thank-yous are sent to volunteers by Council leadership and staff, volunteers, parents, and girls in a year's time. Nominations for Council- and GSUSA-earned awards also rise by 35 percent, and on satisfaction surveys, volunteers report feeling highly valued 22 percent more than the previous year.

Submission Instructions and Deadline

Submit completed nomination form and 2 to 5 letters of endorsement to the Council no later than March 1.

Optional: submit any additional documentation in support of this nomination. Supporting documentation may include program impact data, service delivery team/service unit goals or engagement plan, Council goals, etc.

Nominations can be submitted by one of the following ways:

Email: customercare@gsgms.org

In Person/By Mail: Attn: Volunteer Support
Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi
Gulf Coast Service Center
1610 25th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501

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Notification and Presentation

The nominator will receive notification of approval or denial of award within three weeks of submission deadline. Service units or other nominating groups will receive the award(s) to be presented at their own recognition events.

Nominator Information

Name				Service Unit	
Address					
Telephone	Home		Cell		
Email					
What is the best way to contact you?					
Signature				Date Submitted to Council	

Candidate Information

Name				Service Unit	
Address					
Current Position(s) in Girl Scouting:					
<input type="checkbox"/> This candidate is a registered Girl Scout adult.					
The nominee: <input type="checkbox"/> works directly with girls. <input type="checkbox"/> volunteers indirectly, working with adults.					

Provide the names and contact information of persons providing letters of endorsement for this nomination.

	Name	Phone	Email	Position in Girl Scouting
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Use the space in the following page to write the qualification statement for the nominee.



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Qualification Statement

If the nominee worked directly with girls, please describe how she/he has contributed outstanding service to deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through the National Program Portfolio.

If the nominee worked indirectly to support the Council's mission delivery and goals, please describe the specific impact made in one or more of the following functional areas: **Membership Development/Community Cultivation, Volunteer Relations and Support, Program, Leadership and Governance, Fund Development, and Council Support Service** (such as IT, Customer Service, **Merchandising, Marketing/Communications**).

Attach additional pages, if necessary.