

## THANKS BADGE

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### 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 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, **or**
- The nominee's performance has been beyond the expectations of the position and has supported the Council's mission delivery goals 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).
- The nominee actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

### 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 five percent overall increase in camp registrations the following year, 90 new volunteers, and new partnerships with 11 local organizations.

## THANKS BADGE II

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### 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 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 nominee has previously received the Thanks Badge.
- 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, **or**
- The nominee's performance has been beyond the expectations of the position and has supported the Council's mission delivery goals 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).
- The nominee actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

### 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 the use of the Journey.

# Adult Award - Thanks Badge Nomination

## 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.
- Four [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.
- All documents must be submitted in order for the nomination to be reviewed.

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.

## Submission Instructions and Deadline

Submit completed nomination form and four letters of endorsement to the Council no later than **January 15**.

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@gsgccc.org](mailto:customercare@gsgccc.org)  
(Digital or e-signatures will be accepted.)

**In Person/By Mail:** Attn: Volunteer Support Department  
Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast  
912 Cedar Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23322

**Fax:** 757-547-1872

## Notification and Presentation

The nominator will receive notification of approval or denial of award within three weeks of submission deadline. Shortly after notification to nominators, awardees will receive an invitation to Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast's Annual Awards Celebration where awards will be presented by the Council board chair and CEO.

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### 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.			

**Choose one of the following criteria to determine the most appropriate award:**

- 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.
- 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 entire Girl Scout Movement.

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

	Name	Phone	Email	Position in Girl Scouting
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2.				
3.				
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**Use the space in the following page to write the qualification statement for the nominee.**

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## Qualification Statement

Describe how the nominee has delivered outstanding service that has benefitted the Council and/or the Girl Scout Movement overall. Describe a specific impact the nominee has made through this service. Be specific and provide detailed descriptions. Attach additional pages, if necessary.