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What are Volunteer Recognitions?

Volunteer Recognitions are an opportunity to recognize volunteers dedicated to girls and Girl Scouts.

Who can be recognized / nominated for a recognition award?

Any registered Girl Scout adult who serves girls and/or Girl Scouts Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho. This can include volunteers, leaders, co-leaders, advisors, troop committee members, supportive parents and service unit team members.

When can I nominate volunteers for an award?

Any time of year! Our annual volunteer recognition ceremony takes place in conjunction with our Annual meeting in March or April every year. Deadline for Annual meeting recognitions is January 31st.

Would you like to nominate an adult Girl Scout volunteer?

You can nominate adults if you are a volunteer, parent, staff member, board member and/or community member.

GSEWNI Recognitions

Innovation Award

The Innovation Award recognizes an individual who, through creativity and resourcefulness, is instrumental in planning or helping with recruitments and substantially increasing Girl Scout membership in an under-served area. There is only one per region awarded per year.

Novice of the Year Award

The Novice of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional leader or co-leader who, during her/his first or second year of leadership, has done an extraordinary job and gone above and beyond their responsibilities.

Team Member of the Year

The Team member of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding Service Unit Team Member who has gone beyond the expectations of her/his position.

Spirit Award

Recognizes an individual who has motivated and inspired others through their positive attitude.

Community Award

The Community Award recognizes community groups or businesses that have supported service units or the council as a whole.

Daisy Award

The Daisy Award is given to a Girl Scout Ambassador in recognition of outstanding service to the community during her 12th grade year of High School. Two awards may be given each year presented at the Annual Meeting.

In the Shadows Award

The In the Shadows award recognizes the individuals who work in the shadows or background and make it possible for another person to volunteer with Girl Scouts or are "always there" when needed. The nominee can be a spouse, friend or parent, who baby-sits on a regular basis, helps out a meeting when needed, teaches the girls a new or special skill, or provides needed transportation.

Service Unit Annual Strength In Diversity Award

The Service Unit Annual Strength in Diversity Award is given to a Service Unit whose actions have measurably advanced diversity and inclusion within the council community. The Service Unit must have made pluralism, the practice of valuing human life in all its rich diversity, a priority by offering girls and volunteers the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that welcome, appreciate, and respect differences.

Izzy Award

Recognitions with emphasis on the out-of-doors. The candidates will have been in a leadership role helping girls learn to love and be comfortable in the outdoors. The award was named for former Executive Director, Isabel Hawkins.

Angel In Green

This recognizes varied or unusual service, usually on a one time or short-term basis

National Recognitions

Volunteer of Excellence Award

The Volunteer of Excellence award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience 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.

Honor Pin:

The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

Thanks Badge

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.

Thanks Badge II

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

President's Award

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a Service Unit in moving toward the council's goals and objectives. The Service Unit team members who receive this award have delivered service beyong the expectations of their positions and reached or surpassed their membership goal.

Would you like to nominate a volunteer?

Volunteers are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals for National and Council Recognitions.

- 1. Complete the nomination form. Nomination forms are available to print at http://www.gsewni.org/volunteerrecognition.cfm.
- 2. Make sure to include required letters of endorsement. Some recognitions require more than one letter of endorsement
- 3. Return the entire package to GSEWNI, 1404 N. Ash St., Spokane, WA 99201 or volunteerrecognitions@gsewni.org

For general questions regarding recognitions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator 1-800-827-9478 ext. 203, or volunteerrecognitions@gsewni.org

For more information, see our website at

http://www.gsewni.org/adults/volunteers/recognition/

Everyone likes to feel appreciated for her or his volunteer service. Appreciation can be shown in the form of a simple thank-you for a job well done or a formal recognition.

An attitude of appreciation can be created by:

- 1. Being aware of the extra effort put forth by an individual.
- 2. Taking the time to mention a person's service or thanks for a job well done.
- 3. Helping people to attain a higher level of achievement.
- 4. Developing a climate wherein work is sincerely noted.

When and how the recipient is recognized will make the expression of gratitude memorable. Informal recognitions might be made on special Girl Scout holidays, at Service Unit meetings, at a special recognition event, immediately following service rendered, and other community recognition events.



