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THANKS BADGE II

Girl Scouts NE Kansas & NW Missouri
Adult Recognition Nomination Form

The Thanks Badge II for continued service recognizes an adult volunteer or staff member who has already received the Thanks Badge and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization. The Thanks Badge II, similar to the Thanks Badge, has a blue band inside a gold band and includes a red stone in the center. It is worn on the right side of the uniform above the nametag.

CRITERIA

Individuals who meet all the following criteria are eligible to be nominated for the Thanks Badge II.

- The candidate is currently a registered member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. (Membership can be verified by the Service Unit Registrar or Council Registrar.)
- The candidate has received the Thanks Badge.
- Since the receipt of the Thanks Badge, the candidate has provided distinguished service by:
 - Continuing to serve at the same high level for an extended period of time.
 - Has increased his/her sphere of influence.
 - Has continued to use his/her skills and talents to move into another field of endeavor.
- Service has benefited the total council or entire Girl Scout organization.
- The candidate has performed service so outstanding and so significantly beyond expectations that no other awards is appropriate.
- The candidate has performed service that positively impacts girls, directly or indirectly.
- The candidate has performed service that furthers the goals of the council.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. The nominating individual completes the entire two-sided nomination application and attaches four business letters of endorsement (printed or typed on white, 8 1/2" by 11" paper). Persons chosen to write endorsement letters should support the candidate receiving council recognition. Please do not include the name of a specific award. On occasion, the Selections Committee may recommend the candidate receive an award other than the one for which the nominating individual selected.

2. Send nomination application with letters of endorsement attached on or before December 1st to:

Selections Chairperson
Girl Scouts NE Kansas & NW Missouri
8383 Blue Parkway Drive
Kansas City, Missouri 64133

3. The nomination application and endorsement letters are reviewed by the Adult Recognition Selections Committee. A recommendation is made and submitted to the council board of directors for final approval in January.

4. Within two weeks following the board's action, the **nominating individual** is notified by letter of whether the candidate has been approved for recognition. An explanation is provided to the **nominating individual** if the nomination is not approved. Persons who have written letters of endorsement are not notified of the status of the nomination.

5. The nominating individual is asked to keep the nomination confidential. A formal letter will be sent to the candidate announcing they have been selected for council recognition. The name of the award will not be included in the letter.

6. The nomination application and endorsement letters are not returned.

7. The Thanks Badge II is presented at a time and place determined by the council.

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If you have questions or concerns contact, Jacqueline Bostic at (816) 358-8755 ext. 3041 or JackieBostic@girlscoutsksmo.org

2. Describe how the service positively impacts the girls directly or indirectly.

3. Describe how the service helped to achieve the goals of the council.

Nominated By:

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Email: _____ Area Code/Telephone # _____
Day and Evening

State why you support and endorse the candidate for this award.

The following individuals are providing letters of endorsement. (4 required)

Name

Address

Area Code/Telephone #

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The nomination applications with endorsement letters attached are due on or before December 1st.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Potential candidates for the **Thanks Badge II** include:

- A council trainer who, after directing council-wide training events, successfully implements a training event with regional participation.
- A board member whose continuous strong leadership in fund development results in greater financial stability for the council.
- A program consultant who implements a diversity program council-wide, which is then replicated in other councils.
- A service team manager who uses her experience and knowledge to develop new support materials for service teams council-wide.
- A council volunteer who is appointed as a national operational volunteer for Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR NOMINATORS

- Quality of accomplishments is the primary determining factor in awarding recognition.
- Impact on girls is the leading measure of quality. Quality is not judged by the number of years in Girl Scouting, the number of positions held or previous recognition received.
- The nomination application should contain all the information the Selections Committee will need to make a decision.
- Provide detailed information of the candidate's accomplishments and scope of service. (i.e. numbers of girls and adults impacted, number of programs delivered)
- The nomination form should also factually document **how** the service was outstanding and exceeded expectations, **how** the service impacted girls directly (or indirectly through support of adult volunteers) and **how** the service contributed to the goals of the service unit.

Provide specific examples of the impact of the candidate's accomplishments:

Vague & Non-Specific

Kelly has continued to provide outstanding leadership to the council's fund development efforts.

Paula successfully managed the council's cookie cupboard for many years and developed a new way to provide cookies to all areas.

More Specific

Kelly's leadership over the past 4 years has tripled the amount of adult-generated funding, enabling the council to increase outreach efforts in rural areas.

After using her business skills to standardize operating procedures for the council's cookie cupboard, Paula has set up four new area cookie cupboard sites in the community allowing troops to obtain additional cookies at a site nearest to them.