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THE THANKS BADGE AWARD

Girl Scouts NE Kansas & NW Missouri
Adult Recognition Nomination Form

The Thanks Badge recognizes an adult volunteer or staff member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement. The Thanks Badge is gold-filled enamel disc that can be worn as a pin or on a ribbon or chain. 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.

- 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 delivered service to the total council or entire Girl Scout organization.
- The candidate has performed outstanding service, which goes beyond the expectations of the position.
- The candidate has performed service that has direct or indirect positive impact on the girls.
- The candidate has helped to achieve 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 Pin 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

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THANKS BADGE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

DEADLINE: December 1st

Please print or type full name and professional title (if any).

Name of Candidate SU#

Mailing Address: City State Zip

Area Code/Telephone (Day) (Evening)

Please check all that applies and answer the following questions:

☑☑☑ Registered Member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. ___ Lifetime member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Number of years in Girl Scouting ___ ___ Volunteer ___ Staff
(for information only, not a criterion for recognition)

Last award received: ___ ___ Year ___

List the position this volunteer holds that has exceeded outstanding expectations. _____

1. Give a detailed description of what the candidate has done to deliver service beyond the expectations of the position(s) held.

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

WHO QUALIFIES?

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

- A volunteer who develops and implements an innovative service project with council-wide participation.
- A director who successfully manages a girl event that brings together girls from a number of Girl Scout councils.
- A chair of the council's fund development committee who develops and implements a plan that increases adult-generated funding which allows the council to reach more girls.
- A council trainer who develops a new curriculum, which is, used council-wide to help leaders better meet the needs of girls in learning about science and math.
- A volunteer who spearheads a camp improvement project that enables more girls in the council to experience adventure activities.
- A council staff member whose leadership results in the continued growth of a program to serve girls in hard to reach areas.

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

As the chair of the promotion committee, Joy was instrumental in launching the new council-wide sports program.

Rita was a very effective leader of the council's long range planning committee.

More Specific

As a result of Joy's promotional efforts, the council's new sports program was featured in four area newspapers and on two TV stations and attracted over 50 new members to Girl Scouting.

Under Rita's leadership, the long-range property planning committee completed the council's master camp plan ahead of schedule and under budget.