



## THE AWARD OF DISTINCTION

### Girl Scouts NE Kansas & NW Missouri Adult Recognition Nomination Form

The Award of Distinction recognizes an adult in the community whose performance is truly significant and benefits Girl Scouting. The Award of Distinction is given in the form of a plaque.

#### NEW CRITERIA

Candidate(s) who meet the following criteria are eligible to be nominated for the Award of Distinction.

- The individual is not a registered member of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
- The individual's action(s) advance the goals of the Girl Scout council and/or service unit(s).
- The individual's action(s) has benefited girls in a significant way.
- The individual has made a significant contribution to the success of the Girl Scout program in the community.

#### NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. The nominating individual completes the nomination form and attaches three 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 rather than referring to the name of a specific award. On occasion, the Selections Committee may recommend the candidate receive an award other than the one, which the nominating individual selected.

2. Send nomination application with letters of endorsement attached on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Award of Distinction is presented at a time and place determined by the council.

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### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**DEADLINE: December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Please complete the following information.**

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

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Name of Nominee	Title (if any)	SU #
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Area Code/Telephone	(Day)	(Evening)
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1. Describe how the individual's action(s) advance the goals of the Girl Scout council and/or service unit(s).

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2. Describe how the individual's action(s) have benefited girls in a significant way.

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3. Describe how the individual's action (s) has made a significant contribution to the success of the Girl Scout program in the community.

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**Nominated By:**

Name

Address

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City

State

Zip

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Day

Evening

State why you support and endorse the individual.

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The following individuals are providing letters of endorsement (3 required)

Name

Address

Area Code/Telephone #

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**The nomination application with endorsement letters attached are due on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **WHO QUALIFIES?**

Potential candidate for **The Award of Distinction** include:

- A small business owner provides program opportunities at no cost for girls to complete badge work.
- An individual who organized job-shadowing opportunities for older girls at her workplace.
- An individual who frequently researched and contributes articles to Girl Scouts publication.

## **ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR NOMINATORS**

- Quality of accomplishment is the primary determining factor in awarding recognition.
- Impact on girls is the leading measure of quality.
- The nomination application should contain all the information the Selections Committee will need to make a decision.
- Provide detailed information of the candidate's scope of service (i.e. audience to which the service was delivered.)
- The nomination application should document **how** the individual's action(s) supported the goals of the Girl Scout council and/or service unit(s), **how** the individual's action(s) benefited girls in a significant way and **how** the individual has made a significant contribution to the success of the Girl Scout program in the community.

**Provide specific examples of the impact of the individual/group's contributions:**

### **Vague & Non-Specific**

*Mark Smith invited girls to work on the visual art badge in her store.*

*Steven Bosch put together a job-shadowing program at his engineering firm he works for.*

*Charmaine Moser wrote many articles for the Girl Scouting publication for parents.*

### **More Specific**

*Last year 50 Junior Girl Scouts were able to complete the visual art badge at Marla's Art Store.*

*Two Senior Girl Scouts had the opportunity to spend up to 15 hours each shadowing a woman engineer and learning about careers in this field.*

*Over the past two years Ms. Moser has researched and written 4 articles on youth developmental assets for Girl Scouts publication.*